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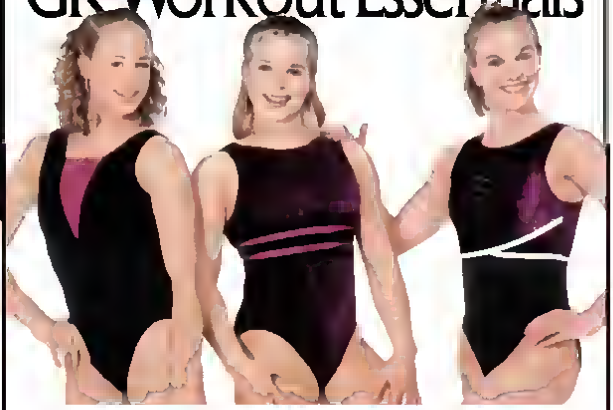

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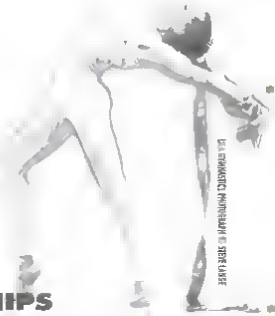

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The U.S. Men's Team fought a long and hard battle with Canada to win the silver medal at the Pan American Games. The U.S. women also earned the silver medal and Morgan White won the all-around gold. Rhythmic gymnast Jessica Howard won the all-around silver.

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Blaine Wilson won his fourth National All-Around title and Kristen Maloney her second at the John Hancock U.S. Gymnastics Championships in Sacramento, Calif., August 25-28.

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Ryan Weston and Jennifer Sans won the individual trampoline event at the 1999 Trampoline & Tumbling National Championships in Anaheim, Calif. Tumbling, double-mini and synchronized trampoline champions were also named at the competition.

44 **TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING WORLD TEAM TRIALS**
The final of three World Trials events was held in Sacramento, Calif., in conjunction with the USA Gymnastics National Congress. The World Championships teams in trampoline, synchronized trampoline, double mini trampoline and tumbling were named and will represent the USA at the World Championships in Sun City, South Africa, Sept. 24-26.

ON THE COVER.
Kristen Maloney and Blaine Wilson.
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"THE HARDEST THING *in life* is BEING GIVEN A CHANCE."

(excerpts from the Congress President's Assembly)

Robert V. Colarossi
President of
USA Gymnastics

Last year at the Congress President's Assembly I introduced three core objectives identified as the top priorities of USA Gymnastics: winning medals, growing the sport and increasing our visibility with the general public. At this year's Assembly I talked about how we've achieved some very significant accomplishments in each of our core objectives.

Win Medals.

In the past year we have enjoyed much success at the international level and our developmental programs continue to shine. This year I am pleased to announce that we will introduce similar identification and development programs for Trampoline and Rhythmic Gymnastics.

Growth.

I'd like to announce a number of accomplishments which I hope you will agree will allow us to take USA Gymnastics into a new era.

- We have finalized our 2000 Olympic Trials deal which will more than double our income from 1996.
- We just completed a deal with NBC and Quokka.com to place our product on the Internet in return for technical design services.
- We have begun the planning for the 2000 World Tour and 2003 World Championships and have many exciting new opportunities under development.
- We have negotiated an increase in the national broadcast schedule from 14 hours in 1999 to 23½ hours in the year 2000.
- And finally, our most significant area of growth: the completion of the merger with Trampoline and Tumbling.

Visibility.

National Gymnastics Day was held July 31, 1999 for the first time. We created an entirely new promotional platform, spread it around to our key markets nationally, supported it with some of our highest profile personalities, and the end result is that we scored one of our most positive periods of gymnastics reporting since I took office.

Member Club Program

Member Club communication and integration is an area in which we have focused much attention over the last several months. We are committed to enhancing the value of the relationship between USA Gymnastics and its member clubs and athletes. The more we support the clubs, the more our industry will grow.

I'm proud to announce that we have secured a program that will offer affordable health care to all of our members. In addition, this January, USA Gymnastics will launch USAG.org. This will provide a free web site to every member club, state and regional director in the country. This new benefit of the member club program will allow for instant exchange of information between the national office and the club. And this isn't all. This Fall we will add a secured access portion to our website that will only be available to member clubs. This area will be populated with the latest information, suggestions for lesson plans, marketing calendars, downloadable press releases, special event offers, offers from our sponsors and the most up-to date information on the club industry.

We've come a long way in one year—expanded services for our clubs, new television deals, new events, new faces, and new goals. But make no mistake, I know how much more there is to do. As we enter into the excitement of an Olympic year and the promise of a new millennium, it's all of our duties to do everything we can to make gymnastics, the sport, as fun and as exciting as it can possibly be—from our youngest students to our proudest international champions.

I was watching the movie remake of the classic novel, *Great Expectations*, and I was struck by a line from the movie, **"The hardest thing in life is being given a chance..."** I encourage all of you to think about this every morning as you are about to start your day. We have all been given a chance to do great things with the sport of gymnastics. Together we can take this great sport to a place where we can all realize the endless possibilities that exist.

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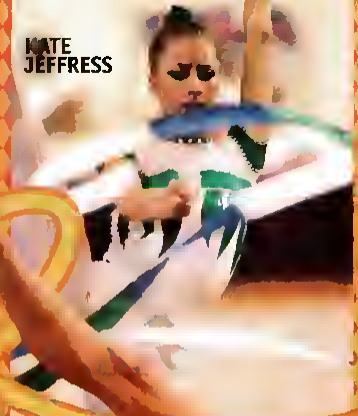
This year's Rhythmic National Championships proved to be extremely competitive and exciting with Jessica Howard and Tatyana Brikulskaya scoring 9.550 or higher on every event. Both Howard and Brikulskaya have been very successful internationally over the last few months and both came on strong at this year's Rhythmic National Championships in Chicago, Illinois, June 25-27, 1999



KATE JEFFRESS

Jessica Howard

By Courtney Cerosa and Luan Peszek

Howard held a small lead after the first day of competition and maintained her position after finals, winning her first Rhythmic National Championship title with an impressive score of 19.050 over Brikulskaya's 18.824.

"It has always been a dream of mine to be the National Champion," said Howard, who is coached by Efrossina Angueiova. "I knew it was possible, but I never expected it."

Howard also earned three event gold medals and one silver while Brikulskaya, who trains at Isadora Rhythmics in Staten Island, N.Y., took home four medals, winning one gold, two silver and one bronze.

Kate Jeffress, from Rhythmflex Gymnastics in Rockville, Md., finished a strong third in the all-around with a score of 38.320. She also won one silver and three bronze medals in the event finals competition.

The most experienced gymnast in the competition, 25-year-old Mila Marinova, finished fourth in the all-around. Merinova, formerly of Bulgaria where she won a bronze medal at the 1991 Rhythmic World Championships, trains at International Rhythmic Gymnastics with coach Angueiova and will be eligible to compete for the U.S. when her citizenship is final in the next few months.

Rounding out the Senior Rhythmic National Team included: Alexandra Chernenko (Culver City, Calif.); Suzanne Pearson (Lakewood, Colo.); Meghan Mullen [illegible] and [illegible] Isaacs (Glenview, Ill.).

JUNIOR COMPETITION

[illegible] junior, Lindsay Powell from Jacksonville, Fla., finished first place in the all-around scoring 36.804 to become the Junior National Champion. She also won all four individual event gold medals during event finals. Powell trains with Howard at International Rhythmic Gymnastics with coach Angueiova.

Erin Jeffress, who trains along with her older sister Kate at Rhythmflex Gymnastics in Rockville, Md., with coach Catharina Yakhimovich, finished second in the all-around with a score of 36.336.

Alexandra Hain from Oakland Rhythmics in Northfield, Ill., finished third in the all-around with a score of 35.969. Hain is coached by Charlene Negron and Ileana Vogelaar.

Rounding out the Junior Rhythmic National Team include: Marissa Pierce (Highland Park, Ill.); Jacqualyn Jampolsky (San Rafael, Calif.); Brenann Stacker (Lincolnshire, Ill.); Valery Kharine (Skokie, Ill.); and Emily Tabinski (Olney, Md.).

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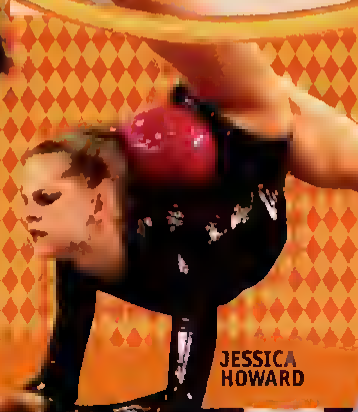

JESSICA HOWARD

RHYTHMFLEX GROUP

GROUP COMPETITION

The Rhythmic Group Team from Rhythmflex in Rockville, Md., finished first in the all-around in group competition. The team finished with a total score of 73.650, a combination of clubs and ribbon/hoop routines. AIRGC finished second, scoring 72.200.

Ropes a Victory

RHYTHMIC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TATYANA BRIKULSKAYA

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VISION

To inspire and enable our members to achieve excellence in the sport of gymnastics and in life.

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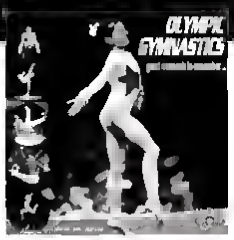

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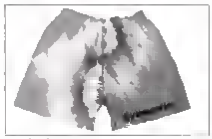

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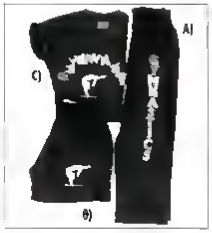

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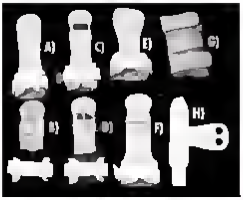

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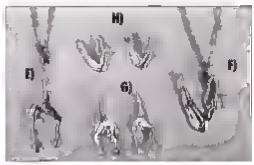

Chokers.
A) Gold plated choker **$9.95** *CHOKER*
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C) Choker with silver tone bars charm **$8.50** *C25*

Gold plated jewelry.
E) Heart necklace **$9.95** *PENDH*
F) Bars necklace. **$9.95** *PEND*
G) Heart earrings. **$9.95** *EARH*
H) Bars earrings **$9.95** *EARV*
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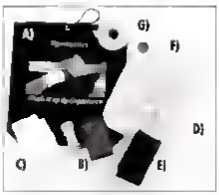

Accessories/tape/prewrap.
A) Black nylon grip bag 12" x 12 **$7.50** *B18*
B) Men dowel key ring **$3.50** *KRING*
C) Wrist bands White **$1.95** *WRIST8* Purple **$1.95** *WRIST7*
D) Natural canvas grip bag **$6.50** *AGRIP*
E) Blue neoprene wrist bands S,M,L **$7.00 pr** *WRISTN*
F) Gymnastic tape 1 1/2" x 15 yds **$2.50 ea.** *GT1* Case of 32 **$53** *GT32*
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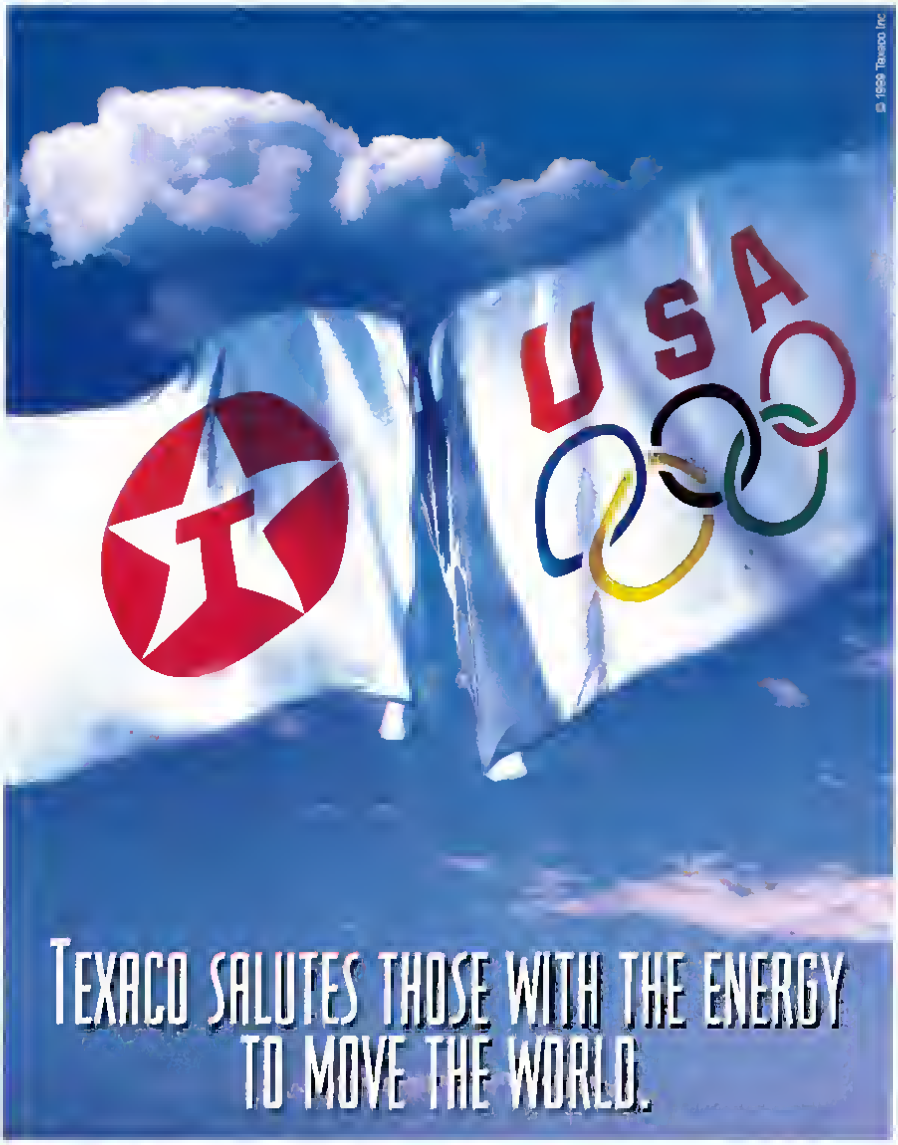

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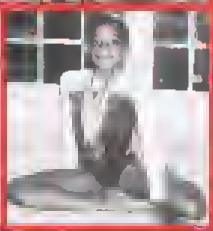
MORTGOMERY GYMRASTICS CLUB

Three gymnasts from the Montgomery Gymnastics Club went to the State Games of America in St. Louis August 6-9. **Stacy Lentini**, in the 11 and under division earned a bronze medal on vault and tied for first on bars. **Laurie Throilkill**, 13, earned a gold medal on bars, a silver medal in the all around and a bronze medal on vault. **Lindsey Buchanan**, 12, earned a gold medal on bars and in the all-around. They are coached by Ken Day.

REBECCA ASRLEY BEST

WILLIAMSTOWN, NEW JERSEY

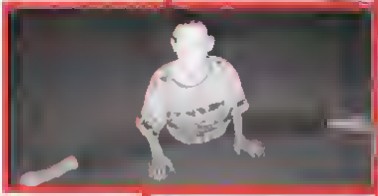
Rebecca, 10, trains at Starbound Gymnastics Academy in Bridgeton, N.J. She's coached by Lisa, Lisa, Amy and Clint. In her first year of competition she won the all around at the Level 5 New Jersey State Championships in her age division with a score of 37.325. Out of 12 meets during the 1998-99 season, Rebecca won 10 all-around titles. She's looking forward to training for competition as a Level 7.



NICHOLAS PASQUARELLO

MONT CLARE, PENNSYLVANIA

Nicholas, 9, is a Class VI gymnast and competes for Puccetti's Gym in Malvern, Pa. In his first year of competing, Class VI, he qualified for the State Championships. He went from a 34.8 to a 49.2! He was voted Most Improved Gymnast at Puccetti's. Finished 6th all-around at his last meet, and earned 10 awards!



CIARA BECK

MAYS LANDING, NEW JERSEY

Ciara, 9, is training as a Level 7 gymnast at Perfect Balance Gymnastic Academy and is coached by Tom Waddell, Lisa Rothenberg and Jozef Salka. She competed Level 5 last season taking first place at the Tri-State Regionals in Maryland and two state sectional meets. She finished the season as a State Champion with an all-around score of 36.975. This summer Ciara trained at Olympus Gymnastics.

KRISTYR MOSKAL

ROCHESTER HILLS, MICHIGAN

Kristyn is 9 years old and a Level 6 gymnast at GIC of Rochester Hills, and is coached by Jay Oubliado and Patti Bovee. At the 1999 Level 6 State Meet, Kristyn placed first on bars (9.4), second on beam (9.325), first on floor (9.25), first on vault (9.05), and took the all-around scoring 37.025. Kristyn placed on the TOP's National Team in '96-'97 and qualified for National Testing in '98. Kristyn is trained for TOP's by Lynda Rourke.

RAYMORO PAUL WRITLOCK

FT. WORTH, TEXAS

Raymond, 8, is coached by Scott Dickerson. He began gymnastics at age 6 and eight months after he began, he took ninth in the all-around at the Class VII State Meet and his team took first. This season 98-99, Raymond took first all-around in five meets and took first place, Class VII team, with his teammates Brian Courtney and Drake Hurr. At State Meet, Raymond took second all-around and he and his teammates won first place in the Class VII 6-7 age division.

BRIDGETTE JERHIGAN

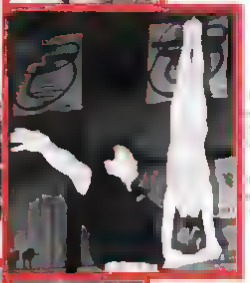
GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA

Bridgette, 11, is a member of the Charleston Twisters at Dovitro's Fantastic Gymnastics. She's currently training Level 7. In April 1999 at the State Meet, she was the Level 6 all-around champion, scoring 35.575. In January 1998 she was the Level 4 state all-around champion with a score of 34.80. She also participating in the TOP's program. In June, she went to Tallahassee, Fla., for regional TOP's testing. She trains 20 hours a week with her coaches Dovitro and Tony Ivey.

MEGAN EDWARDS

SHAMROCK, TEXAS

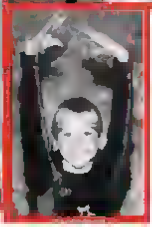
Megan, 7, is a gymnast at the Flippin Farm and is coached by Patti Conner. She won the 1999 National Championships in Anaheim, Calif., in Level 5 trampoline and placed eighth in power tumbling. Megan is currently the state champion in trampoline and was the state champion last year in her division in power tumbling. Megan has placed first in trampoline in all of her meets this year.



COURTNEY KEATING

MANASSAS, VIRGINIA

Courtney, 5, is doing her favorite trick with coach Andrei Shamenko at Capital Gymnastics National Training Center in Burke, Va. Courtney works out with Capital's Level 5 Team. She will not be able to compete Level 5 until the 2000/2001 season, but she enjoys being part of the team. Andrei's brother was a gold medalist for the Ukraine Olympic gymnastics team.



BRIANNE FISHER

HEDGESVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

Brianne, 8, trains at Four Star Athletic Complex in Williamsport, Maryland. In her first year of competition at Level 4 she placed third among 8 year olds at the Maryland State Championships with a score of 35.35 and 15th among all Level 4 gymnasts. She placed 7th on vault with an 8.60, 3rd on bars with a 9.225, 6th on beam with an 8.725 and 6th on floor with an 8.80. Brianne is a straight A student at Tomahawk Elementary School.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Yewki Tomita

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SEPTEMBER

15-18
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM TRIALS (M/W)
Kansas City, MO

20-OCT. 3
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & AGE-GROUP GAMES (TR/TU)
Sun City, RSA

24-26
REGION 2 CONGRESS (W)
Portland, OR

28-OCT. 3
23RD RHYTHMIC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (R)
Osaka, JPN

30-OCT. 3
REGION 5 CONGRESS
Oakbrook, IL

OCTOBER

8-16
ARTISTIC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (M/W)
Tianjin, CHN

13-14
FIG EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS
Tianjin, CHN

14-17
REGION 6 CONGRESS (W)
New York City, NY

15-16
FIG MEDICAL TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM
Tianjin CHN

22-24
USA GYMNASTICS GG YOUTH CAMP
Baltimore, MD

24-26
U.S. OLYMPIC CONGRESS
Colo. Springs, CO

29-31
NATIONAL TOPS TESTING-WEST (W)
Phoenix, AZ

29-31
REGION 7 CONGRESS (W)
Hunt Valley (Baltimore), MD

31-NOV. 7
JR. NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING CAMP (M)
Colo Springs, CO

Krystal Uzelac

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NOVEMBER

5-7
NATIONAL TOPS TESTING-EAST (W)
Rochester, NY

11-13
FUTURE STARS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (M)
Colorado Springs, CO

11-14
COACHES WORKSHOPS (M)
Colorado Springs, CO

12-14
USA GYMNASTICS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS
Indianapolis, IN

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DECEMBER

2-7
SR. NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING CAMP (M)
Colo Springs, CO

3-5
USA NATIONAL GYMFEST (GG)
Tempe, AZ

8-12
PAGU JR. INTERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS (M/W)
Curitiba, BRA

9-12
NATIONAL TOPS CAMP (W)
Tulsa, OK

M–Men, W–Women, R–Rhythmic, TR–Trampoline, TU–Tumbling, GG–General Gymnastics

All dates and events subject to change or cancellation

2000

JANUARY

16
AMERICAN CUP QUALIFIER I
TBD

FEBRUARY

Jessica Howard

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5
AMERICAN CUP QUALIFIER II
TBD

5-6
RHYTHMIC CHALLENGE (R)
Colorado Springs, CO

11-12
USA GYMNASTICS WINTER CUP CHALLENGE (M)
Las Vegas, NV

19
OLYMPIC TEST EVENT (TR)
Sydney, AUS

26
VISA AMERICAN CUP FINALS (M/W)
Orlando, FL

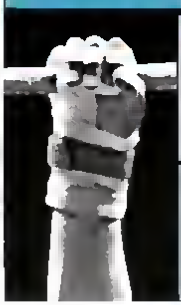
TBD
AMERICAN CLASSIC (W)
TBD

MARCH

4
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION (R)
TBD

TBD
AMERICAN CHALLENGE (W)
TBD

APRIL



15-16
J.O. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, INDIVIDUAL & GROUP (R)
TBD

20-25
SR. PACIFIC ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (M/W/R)
Christ Church, NZL

28-30
LEVEL 9 EAST/WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS (W)
East-TBD, West-Bartlesville, OK

TBD
USA GYMNASTICS COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (M/W)
TBD

USA GYMNASTICS NATIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT (W)
TBD

MAY

5-7
J.O. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (W)
Lansing, MI

6-7
RHYTHMIC EAST/WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS (R)
TBD

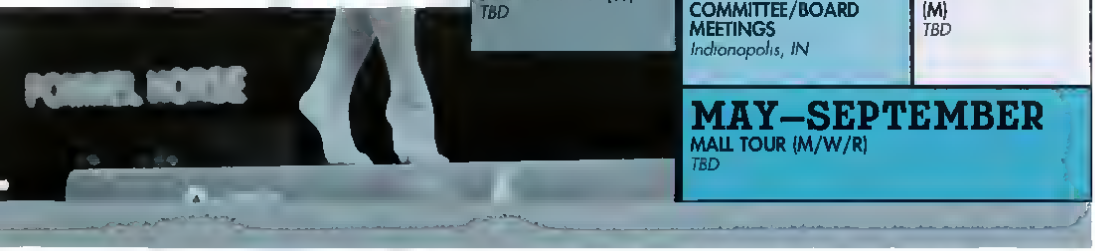
11-15
USOC OLYMPIC MEDIA SUMMIT (M/W/R)
Houston, Texas

13-14
RHYTHMIC EAST/WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS (R)
TBD

19-21
USA GYMNASTICS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS
Indianapolis, IN

TBD
J.O. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (M)
TBD

MAY—SEPTEMBER
MALL TOUR (M/W/R)
TBD



U.S. CLASSIC & NATIONAL GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK
AUGUST 6-8

SENIOR INTERNATIONAL ALL AROUND

1	Sierra Supanar	Cincinnati	38.437
2.	Tasha Schwikert	Gym Cats	37.275
3	Robin Phelps	Hills Gym.	36.662
4	Dana Pierce	Wrights	36.162
5	Alecia Lagnam	Parkettes	36.150
6	Marique Chung	Capitol	36.150
7	Mary Fitzpatrick	WOGA	35.937
8	Mylan Dodd	Cascade	35.712
9	Chelsea Byrd	River City	35.562
10.	Chelsea Kroll	X Cel Gym	35.537
11	Stephanie Carter	Rivochet	35.512
11	Annabeth Eberle	Starz	35.512
13.	Carrie Nagle	Parkettes	35.462
14.	Jennifer Orlando	Karen-Burke	35.300
15	Kristin Phillips	Worldwide	34.725
16	Courtney Bumpers	Atlantis	34.662
17	Kristen Thomas	Champion	34.612
18.	Elizabeth Keller	Flushing	34.562
19	April Buckholder	Acrofit	34.012
19	Mandy Delgado	West Valley	34.012
21	Christina Pelusa	Desert Devils	33.975
22.	Shaela Branch	Santa-Hill	33.800
23.	Sarah Chellevold	Dynamo	33.662
24.	Stacey Murdock	So. Texas	33.562
25.	Kara Waterhouse	The Gym	33.362
26	Sheehan Lemley	Parkettes	32.675
27	Stacey Brown	Acrofit	29.575
28	Elise Ray	Hills Gym	29.225
29	Marhella Emmons	Brown's	27.750
30	Kendall Beck	Parkettes	26.450
31	Angela Boom	Bart Conner	18.725
32.	Cory Fe Tangor	Excalibur	18.650
33.	Marlene Stephens	Brown's	18.262
34	Lindsey Wing	Hills Gym	9.100
35.	Erica Dunley	Hills Gym	8.100
36	Kristen Bronsky	Excalibur	6.450

JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL ALL AROUND

1	Kristal Uzelac	Parkettes	38.112
2	Ashley Powell	Hills Gym	37.762
3	Lindsey Vanden Eykel	WOGA	37.737
4	Courtney Kupets	Hills Gym.	37.275
5	Brittney Kancsok	HIGS	36.725
6	Ashley Miles	HIGS	36.625
7	Kristin White	WOGA	36.450
8	Rachel Tolf	SEGA	36.112
9	Amanda Stroud	Great Am	35.612
10.	Lauren Stewart	Bart Conner	35.450
11	Hollie Vise	WOGA	35.387
12.	Glyn Swartz	Hills Gym	35.250
13.	Brittney Thorne	Champion	35.175
14	Whitney Ferguson	Parkettes	35.112
15	Cassandra Tissino	Naydenov	35.012
16.	Terin Humphrey	Great Am	34.725
17	Brittney Tolbert	WOGA	34.412
18	Ashley Miller	North St	34.387
19	Christina Ghanavilanoun	Capitol	34.262
20.	Rachel Riley	Mesquite	33.975
21	Ashley Kupets	Hills Gym.	33.925
22	Brittney Williams	Rivochet	33.812
23.	Melanie Sinclair	Orlando	33.537
24.	Rachel Colna	Infinity	33.362
25	Nina Kim	Brown's	33.337
25.	Kristen Biffinsight	Arena	33.337
27.	Megan Dowlen	WOGA	33.300
28	Alyssa Thomas	WOGA	33.075
29	Lori Wilson	Dynamo	32.937
30.	Laura Mitchell	Great Am	32.912
31	Lisa Marzano	Experiment	32.812
32.	Michelle Ng	North Star	31.575
33.	Tiffany Van Dusen	Rebound	31.100
34	Dana Tiffett	Ocean Gym	30.175
35	Jamie Cox	So. Ind.	27.275
36.	Brenda Pruitt	Acros	24.125
37.	Kelly McDonald	Cascade	23.600
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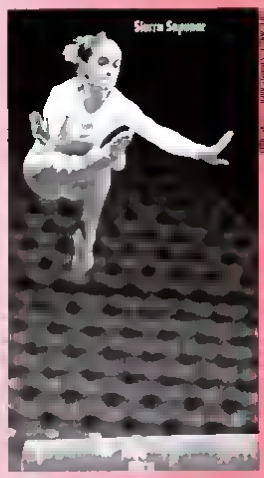
Sierra Supanar

SENIOR NATIONAL ALL-AROUND

1	Madelyn Carley	35.625
2.	Rachel Martinez	35.487
3.	Tiffany Byrd	35.287
4.	Chelsea Hunter	34.962
5.	Tara Phillips	34.587
6.	Alissa Cooper	34.475
7	Joanna Mahony	34.406
8.	Cheryl Polacco	33.106
10	Stephanie Gentry	34.600
11	Brittney Mole	34.387
12.	Meghan Walsh	34.237
13	Andrea Arlotta	34.100
14	Samantha Cortez	32.525
15	Jamie Roccu	32.080
16	Courtney Schmid	31.975
17	Nicole Butler	31.870
18.	Nicolle Ford	26.550

JUNIOR NATIONAL ALL AROUND

1	Suzanne Hui	36.350
2.	Stephanie Lutman	36.287
3	Nicole Childs	35.750
4	Lizz Fosbrough	36.550
5	Emily Brown	35.425
6	Sadie Harrison	35.250
7	Sarina Bohn	35.042
8.	Stacy Sprandio	34.700
8.	Kassandra Knowles	34.700

CHILDREN NATIONAL ALL AROUND

1	Chelsea Mummel	37.287
2.	Susan Jackson	36.525
3	Megan Browning	36.450
4	Marna Sheffield	36.375
5	Kristina Brickett	35.650
6	Megan Severson	35.500
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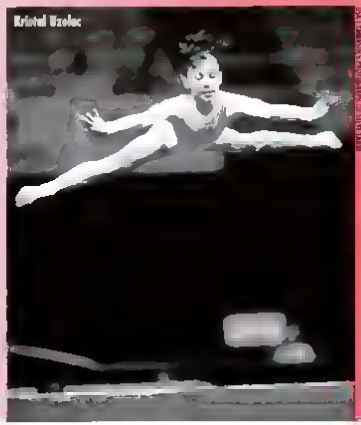

Kristal Uzelac

THE 11TH INTERNATIONAL COMO CUP AND THE 2ND MONTEFORTE FRIENDLY CUP

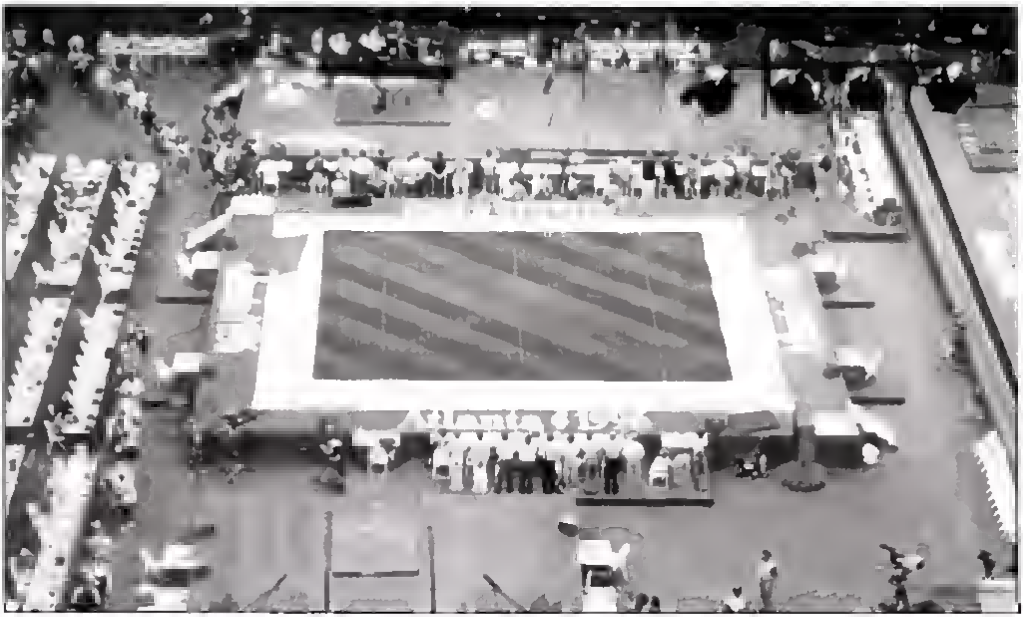
By Lois C. Colburn, USA Gymnastics Delegation Leader and Judge

Two groups of gymnasts from the USA traveled to Italy to compete in the International Como Cup on June 26 and the Monteforte Friendly Cup on June 30. At the Como Cup, 14-year-old Tasha Schwikert of Gym Cats in Henderson, Nev., took second in the senior all-around division with a 36.425 behind Ukraine's Natalya Sirenko who scored 37.6375. Tasha, who is coached by Cassie Rice, won the gold medal on floor and bronze on beam. The U.S. team which included Schwikert, Chelsea Byrd from River City in Little Rock, Ark. (coached by Jamie Russenberger) and Sheehan Lemley from Parkettes in Allentown, Pa. (coached by John Holman) won third in the team competition behind Holland and Ukraine, respectively.

At the Friendly Cup, Tasha was joined by Breanne Rutherford from New England Gymnastics Express in Newington, Conn., and Jennifer Carrow from Saltos in Waukesha, Wis. At this competition, Ukraine won the team event followed by Romania and Russia. Jennifer, who is coached by Jim Chudy, was fifth in the senior all-around and Breanne, who is coached by Blaine Jefferson, was sixth.

Como Cup front row l to r: Sheehan Lemley, Jamie Russenberger, Chelsea Byrd, Tasha Schwikert. Second row l to r: Lois Colburn, John Holman, Cassie Rice

Friendly Cup front row l to r: Cassie Rice, Tasha Schwikert, Jennifer Carrow, Breanne Rutherford, Lois Colburn, Blaine Jefferson. Second row l to r: Jim Chudy and Bob Colarossi.



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World University Games

Heidi Moneymaker

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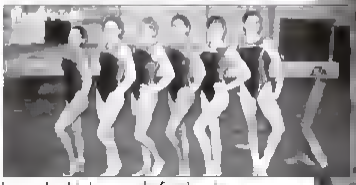
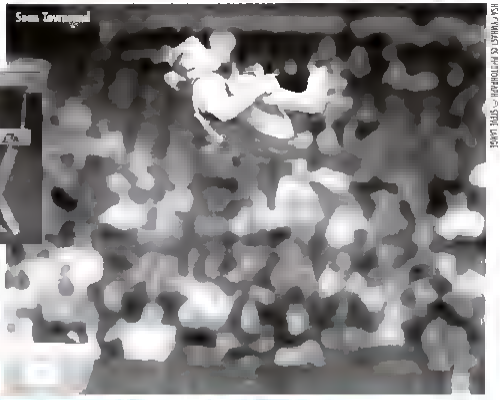
Men's Team

In a field dominated by world champions and Olympic medalists, the U.S. women's team brought home a fifth place team finish and the men ended up 13th at the World University Games, which took place in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, July 2-13. The level of competition was exceptionally high, with many teams bringing their World Championships competitors in preparation for the 1999 World Championships.

On the women's side, Russia took the title followed by Ukraine, China and Belarus. On the men's side, Japan grabbed the title followed by Russia and China.



In the all-around competition, UCLA's Heidi Moneymaker from Santa Rosa, Calif., was the top all-around gymnast from the USA in 16th place with a score of 35.350 while Team Texaco Houston's Sean Townsend was the highest male finisher in 19th with a score of 54.325. World Champion Svetlana Khorkina, from Russia, won the title over her teammate Elena Produnova, while Ukraine's Alexander Beresh won the gold over Russia's Nikolai Krioukov.


Sean Townsend

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Moneymaker was eighth on bars and seventh on beam, while teammate Heather Brink from Lincoln, Neb., was seventh on vault. The only U.S. male event finalist, Sean Townsend, stuck his handspring double front in both team and finals competition. Unfortunately, his second vault had a lower start value than the other competitors and he finished eighth.

Coach Kevin Mazeika said, "It was invaluable experience to compete with athletes at this level. It will certainly contribute to our future."

WOMEN'S DELEGATION

Kathy Feldmann—*Team Leader*
Judges: Julie Knight & Judy Dobransky
Coaches: Steve Gerlach & Cheryl Jarrett
Trainer: Brenda Goehring

GYMNASTS:

Heidi Moneymaker—*UCLA*
Mohini Bhardwaj—*UCLA*
Heather Brink—*Nebraska*
Wendy Ellsberry—*Arizona State*
Megan Barcroft—*Oregon State*
Julia Gore—*Kentucky*

MEN'S DELEGATION

Judges: Mark Williams & Ken Achiron
USA Gymnastics Staff: Ron Galimore & Peter Kormann
Coaches: Mike Burns & Kevin Mazeika
Trainer: David Hillger

GYMNASTS:

John Mocready—*Team Texaco-USOC*
Jim Foody—*UCLA*
Justin Toman—*Univ. of Michigan*
Sean Townsend—*Team Texaco-Houston*
Jaime Natolie—*Ohio State*

RESULTS

MEN

	NAME	FED	FX	PH	SR	VT	PB	HB	AA
1.	Nemov, Alexander	UKR	9.250	9.625	9.425	9.600	9.600	9.700	57.200
2.	Kmeokov, Nikolai	RUS	9.375	9.550	9.475	9.550	9.100	9.550	56.600
3.	Lopez, Erik	CUB	9.100	9.350	9.400	9.525	9.450	9.450	56.425
4.	Corballe, Jesus	ESP	9.300	8.825	9.500	9.300	9.700	9.700	56.325
5.	Zheng, Lihua	CHN	9.300	9.525	9.500	9.575	9.550	8.750	56.200
6.	Tsukahara, Naoya	JPN	9.300	9.350	9.400	9.450	8.950	9.500	55.950
7.	Lee, Jae Hyung	KOR	8.050	9.575	9.375	9.700	9.400	9.525	55.625
8.	Zozulya, Roman	UKR	9.300	9.175	9.500	9.450	9.400	8.450	55.675
9.	Sato, Yoshihiro	JPN	8.800	9.175	9.475	9.300	9.300	9.525	55.575
10.	Lu, Bo	CHN	9.100	9.600	9.475	9.250	8.300	9.525	55.250
11.	Bondarenko, Alexei	RUS	8.875	9.625	9.450	9.200	9.400	9.300	55.250
12.	Maunier, Julien	FRA	9.300	9.525	9.150	9.400	9.200	8.650	55.225
13.	Zhou, Zhe	CHN	9.125	9.325	9.425	9.275	9.600	8.450	55.200
14.	Podgornyi, Evgueni	RUS	9.225	8.650	9.275	9.250	9.400	9.300	55.100
15.	Varonian, Benjamin	FRA	9.000	9.400	9.250	8.600	9.500	9.025	55.050
16.	Urzatiz, Rocus Julian	DOM	8.925	9.400	9.250	9.350	8.800	9.200	54.925
17.	Lunetta, Lazzari	CUB	8.800	9.175	8.950	9.350	9.000	9.200	54.375
17.	Emberti, Yann	FRA	9.150	9.125	9.000	9.350	9.400	8.350	54.375
19.	Townsend, Sean	USA	9.100	8.400	9.100	9.500	8.900	9.325	54.325
20.	Cho, Seung Min	KOR	8.850	9.575	9.150	9.100	9.550	8.300	53.525
21.	Dvorak, Grennon	AUS	8.825	9.200	8.900	8.800	9.300	9.425	53.450
22.	Arenas, Ross	GRE	8.650	8.950	8.600	8.975	9.050	8.900	53.325
23.	Solberg, Flemming	NOR	8.500	9.350	8.300	9.200	8.650	9.300	53.300
24.	Oulsch, Karsten	GER	8.500	8.150	9.200	9.050	8.550	9.450	52.900
25.	Mahoyana, Duane	ITA	8.875	8.850	8.050	8.600	8.850	8.250	52.475
26.	Sellimma, Pascal	SUI	8.350	8.275	9.350	8.300	9.100	8.300	52.275
27.	Cruz, Victor	ESP	8.800	8.600	8.950	9.350	9.250	9.100	52.250
28.	Driggs, Abel	CUB	8.250	9.375	8.875	9.425	7.250	8.700	52.075
29.	Fit, Jiri	CZE	7.550	8.800	8.200	8.975	8.550	9.350	51.425
30.	Nerad, Andrej	SVK	8.000	7.750	9.150	8.825	8.550	8.600	50.875
31.	Rezac, Daniel	CZE	8.400	8.350	7.950	8.500	8.550	8.725	50.475
32.	Lengk, Steffen	GER	8.150	8.550	7.900	8.450	8.400	8.700	50.150
33.	Grigson, Daniel	AUS	8.200	7.950	8.200	8.600	8.050	8.600	50.600

	FEDERATION	TOTAL		FEDERATION	TOTAL		FEDERATION	TOTAL		FEDERATION	TOTAL
1.	Japan	170.750	8.	Spain	164.325	15.	Australia	157.825	22.	Brazil	146.900
2.	Russia	170.075	9.	Cuba	163.650	16.	Czech Republic	153.325	23.	Mexico	146.675
3.	China	169.675	10.	Italy	163.425	17.	Slovakia	151.975	24.	Finland	142.775
4.	Korea	168.725	11.	Hungary	163.050	18.	Croatia	150.675	25.	Denmark	131.425
5.	Belarus	167.975	12.	Romania	162.175	19.	Great Britain	150.050	26.	Turkey	110.550
6.	Ukraine	167.875	13.	United States	162.125	20.	Sweden	147.525	27.	Poland	101.225
7.	France	166.801	14.	Germany	158.750	21.	Kazakhstan	147.050			

WOMEN

	NAME	FED	VT	UB	BB	FX	AA
1.	Khorkina, Svetlana	RUS	9.500	9.850	9.750	9.700	38.800
2.	Fomenova, Elena	RUS	9.737	9.775	9.625	9.575	38.712
3.	Gu, Xuan	CHN	9.325	9.600	9.625	9.550	38.100
4.	Shkarupa, Inna	UKR	9.387	9.550	9.475	9.425	37.837
5.	Karpenko, Viktoriya	UKR	9.450	9.700	9.350	9.275	37.775
6.	Ou, Wenqing	CHN	9.162	9.700	9.350	9.300	37.737
7.	Pakarkina, Alona	BLR	9.300	8.875	9.300	9.600	37.075
8.	Tetlenka, Olha	UKR	9.162	9.150	9.100	9.525	36.937
9.	Pakhorukova, Inna	BLR	9.375	8.600	9.400	9.475	36.850
10.	Dolgopolova, Elena	RUS	9.450	8.100	9.650	9.625	36.825
11.	Sugawara, Rina	JPN	9.200	9.375	9.150	9.050	36.775
12.	Lopez, Dunesa	MEX	9.562	8.825	8.775	9.125	36.312
13.	Degtiarev, Lena	CAN	9.225	9.100	8.525	9.075	35.925
14.	Tenkovicova, Adriana	SVK	9.067	8.425	9.000	8.975	35.467
15.	Kitamura, Ayaka	JPN	9.367	9.025	8.450	8.975	35.437
16.	Moonymaker, Heath Laura	USA	9.275	8.250	8.625	8.700	35.350
17.	Lemon, Andrea	GRB	9.137	8.350	8.600	9.175	35.262
18.	Dobres, Caroline	BEL	9.050	8.350	9.025	8.650	35.075
19.	Hernandez, Yurenis	CUB	9.350	8.175	8.200	8.825	34.550
20.	Jova, Arasay	EUB	9.475	8.225	8.000	7.950	34.450
21.	Jonsdottir, Elin Rut	ISL	9.662	8.325	8.700	8.675	34.362
22.	Hoshiguchi, Miho	JPN	9.000	6.000	8.500	8.900	34.200
23.	Rodriguez, Dolores	ESP	7.775	8.450	7.120	8.275	33.025
24.	Brick, Heather Renee	USA			8.200	8.470	16.675

	NAME	FED	VT	UB	BB	FX	AA
1	Russia	RUS	29.787	29.100	28.350	27.250	113.487
2	Ukraine	UKR	27.824	29.100	27.550	28.500	112.974
3	China	CHN	27.199	28.775	28.025	26.975	111.174
4	Belarus	BLR	27.212	27.325	26.050	28.075	110.662
5	United States	USA	27.962	27.400	27.175	26.475	109.012
6.	Japan	JPN	27.037	27.500	27.000	26.575	108.112
7	Great Britain	GBR	26.249	26.025	23.975	25.525	101.774
8.	Spain	ESP	25.799	24.225	24.650	25.700	100.374
9	Australia	AUS	8.775	22.650	23.700	8.650	63.775

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By Luan Peszek

This year's USA Gymnastics National Congress was a success with more than 2,400 individuals in attendance throughout the three-day event

Nearly 100 companies and organizations displayed their products and services at the Exhibit Hall In addition, there were 122 sessions featuring close to 100 presenters covering topics from men's, women's, rhythmic, preschool, sports science, general gymnastics, cheerleading, trampoline and tumbling, business and other miscellaneous topics

This year's Congress was especially exciting because the Trampoline and Tumbling World Trials were conducted in conjunction with Congress at the Convention Center Many were exposed to a trampoline and tumbling event for the first time and were thrilled with the opportunity to view the event first hand

Of course, many of the Congress participants also took advantage of the John Hancock U S Gymnastics Championships, which was held at the Arco Arena, featuring 130 of the nation's best gymnasts

This year's Awards Banquet was a formal function with Peter Vidmar acting as the Master of Ceremonies Please see the list of award winners and Hall of Fame inductees

Swing Dance lessons were provided throughout Congress to prepare attendees for the Swing Dance Party, featuring a live band, super lighting and sound

Next year's Congress is scheduled for Boston, August 18 21, in conjunction with the 2000 U S Olympic Trials Gymnastics

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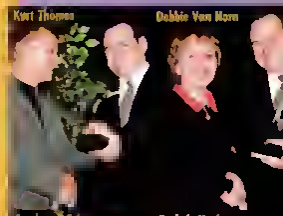
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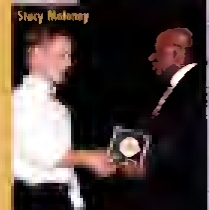
Stacy Maloney

Brian Bobcock's wife Tammy and daughter Jessica accepted the Spirit of the Flame award.
Francis Allen
Bela Karolyi

U.S. Men Earn Team Silver

By Luan Peszek

The U.S. Men's Team fought a long and hard battle with Canada throughout the Pan American Games competition, but on the last event, pommel horse, the young U.S. team finally was able to pull ahead of Canada to win the silver medal, 216 000 to 215 150. Cuba, who brought its strong World Championships Team, won the event with a score of 222 375.

With two major international competitions this summer, World University Games and Pan American Games, the U.S. strategy was to send two completely different teams to each event in order to strengthen the depth of the men's program leading up to the World Championships in Tianjin, China. The Pan American Games team included two junior gymnasts, Raj Bhavsar and Michael Ashe, who were competing in their first senior international competition, plus seniors Stephen McCain, Michael Dutka, Chris Young and Michael Moran.

"The USA team did a great job fighting for the silver medal," said USA Gymnastics Men's Program Director Ron Galimore. "It was a real victory for the guys."

Mike Moran, who was chosen to compete in the Pan American Games by the Men's Selection Committee in order to help strengthen the team, certainly did a great job. Moran competed in only five events but his scores were so high that he qualified to the all-around finals, where he placed 14th with a score of 50.950.

Moran said, "Unfortunately we wanted to beat Cuba. We had a lot of personal goals in terms of team unity and starting off each event as if it was our first. I think we accomplished all of our goals. Everyone on the team should be happy with how we did."

Mike Dutka, who was competing in his first competition since the 1998 National Championships, finished an outstanding sixth all-around

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Jessica Howard Earns Silver

By Courtney Caress

U.S. Rhythmic National Champion Jessica Howard of Jacksonville, Fla., earned the silver medal in the all-around at the Pan American Games, narrowly missing the all-around gold medal to Canada's Emilie Livingston by just one-thousandth of a point.

Howard scored 38.264 just below Livingston's 38.265. Cuban gymnast Yordania Corrales held the lead through the first two rotations, but took the bronze with a score of 38.256.

"It was just too close, but I am very happy with silver," said Howard. "I knew coming in that it would be a difficult competition. I didn't really know what to expect, so it is great to win the silver medal."

Howard was leading the competition after the preliminary round of competition over Corrales, scoring 37.965 to 37.890 and Livingston was fourth. Unfortunately, no scores carried over from preliminaries.

Both Howard and Livingston had no flaws in their [illegible] to finish first and second.

"Jessica was so consistent the entire competition. We will now go back home and begin to prepare for the World Championships," said [illegible] Coach Efrossina Anguelova.

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U.S. Women Earn Team Silver

By Courtney Caress

Morgan White Earns All-Around Gold

In a close race to the finish at the Pan American Games, the U.S. women earned the silver medal behind the host of the competition, Canada, scoring 148.364 to 148.944. Brazil earned the bronze team medal with a score of 147.639.

The major difference between the U.S. and Canada was the beam rotation. The U.S. competed first in beam and faltered, scoring 36.249, while Canada remained solid with a score of 37.199. Canada edged the USA on bars, but the USA edged Canada on vault and floor.

During the team competition, Morgan White, a Junior National Champion and the youngest on the U.S. Team, placed second all-around with a score of 37.330. She remained consistent, never scoring below a 9.025, earning a spot in the all-around finals.

Jennie Thompson placed [illegible] all-around, scoring [illegible]230. "[illegible] than beam, I [illegible] really [illegible] about my performance," said Thompson. "It [illegible] to [illegible] Canada, but they were great today."

Jamie [illegible] placed seventh all-around with a score of 37.061 to also secure a spot in the all-around competition.

ALL-AROUND FINALS

Sixteen-year-old White won the all-around gold, scoring 37.6[illegible] just ahead of Canada's Michelle Conway who scored 37.[illegible]18. Thompson earned the bronze medal, scoring 37.236.

"I knew I would be a consistent competitor in the all-around tonight. I thought I could do well if I just believed in myself, but I am still in shock that I won. This builds my confidence enormously," said White.

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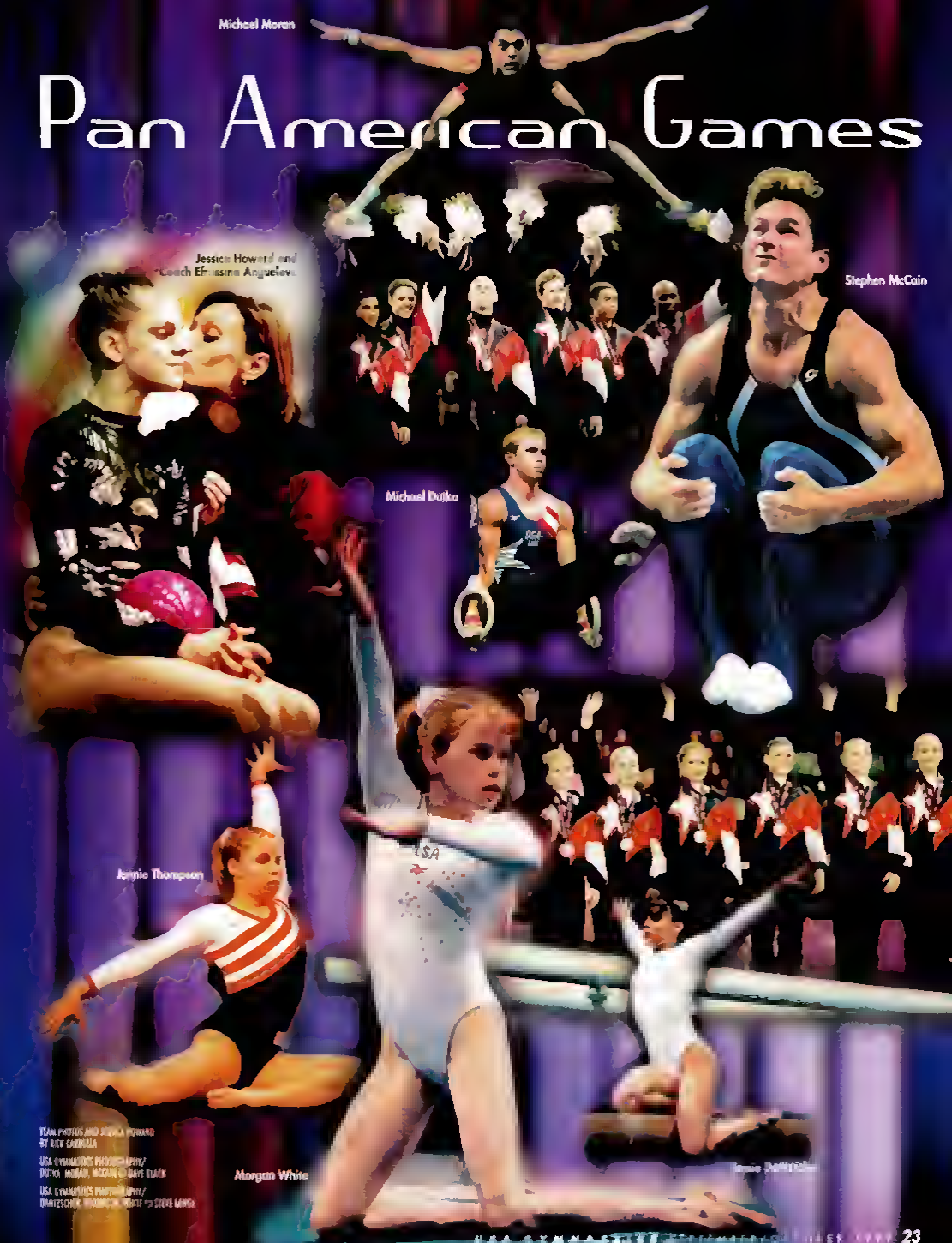
Pan American Games



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WINNING ROUTINES

MEN

Floor Exercise
Jason Gatson
Round off, flip flop, double layout full out; layout front full, layout front, Rudi; round off, whip back to one and half twist to front Rudi, press to wide arm handstand; round off, flip flop, tuck full in.

Pommel Horse
John Roethlisberger
Magyar 1/2 turn Sivado, Russian Wende swing with 720 degree turn and 3/3 travel, Sivado travel, Russian Wende swing two 720 degrees turn and 3/3 travel, Russian Wende swing with 360 degrees, scissors 2/3 travel in cross support, Tong Fei, Handstand 360 degrees turn.

Still Rings
Blaine Wilson
Back uprise to planche, back uprise to Maltese, shoot to inverted cross, back uprise to Maltese, lever to invert hang, kip to L press handstand, back giant, front giant, giant through handstand to double layout with full twist dismount.

Vault
Guard Young
Handspring layout front with 1 1/2 twist.

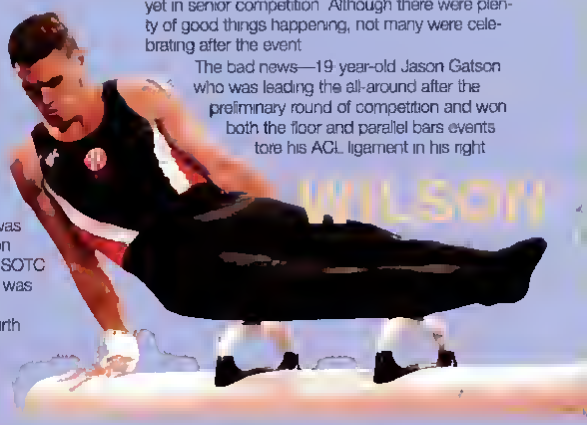
Parallel Bars
Jason Gatson
Peach to handstand, Diamodov 1 1/4, pirouette to center, to Monsue (tuck double back to upper arms), front uprise, swing reverse pirouette, Diamodov Voropaev (1/4 Stutz to one rail then healy back down on same support arm), healy to Gatson (hop full pirouette back to center), stutz to one

The U S senior men competed two days of optional all around competition to determine the top 14 gymnasts who would make up the 1999-2000 USA National Team and compete at the World Team Trials in Kansas City September 15 18

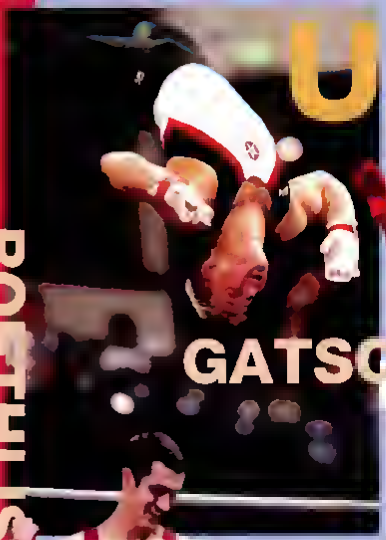
When the chalk dust had settled the men's program had both good and bad news to report

The good news was plentiful Blaine Wilson from Team Texaco USOTC in Colorado Springs, was stronger than ever and won his fourth consecutive National All-Around title Plus Minnesota's John Roethlisberger, 29, 18 finished third in the all-around, his highest finish yet in senior competition Although there were plenty of good things happening, not many were celebrating after the event

The bad news—19 year-old Jason Gatson who was leading the all-around after the preliminary round of competition and won both the floor and parallel bars events tore his ACL ligament in his right



BITTERSWEET WIN FOR WILSON



proved he was back in action after rehabilitating from a knee injury that he sustained at last year's National Championships

John, who is coached by his father Fred fought back strong to earn second in the all-around Also, newcomer Brett McClure was cause for celebration Brett, knee while dismounting from high bar his first event, in the all around finals Shortly after the accident Gatson said "Three weeks ago when I was in practice I was tumbling on floor and kind of tweaked my knee I came here and after the first day my knee was fine Then, I just did my high bar routine and as soon as I landed something

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The drama was intense at the 1999 John Hancock U.S. Gymnastics Championships in Sacramento, Calif. August 25-28, as 29 of the best senior gymnasts in the country competed in a one-day all-around competition and attempted to earn a spot on the 20-person USA National Team. In addition to National Team status, the top 14 gymnasts would earn a trip to the World Team Trials in Kansas City, September 15-18, in an attempt to make the team of six that would represent the USA at the World Championships in Tianjin, China. Stakes were high as the competition began in the Arco

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MALONEY

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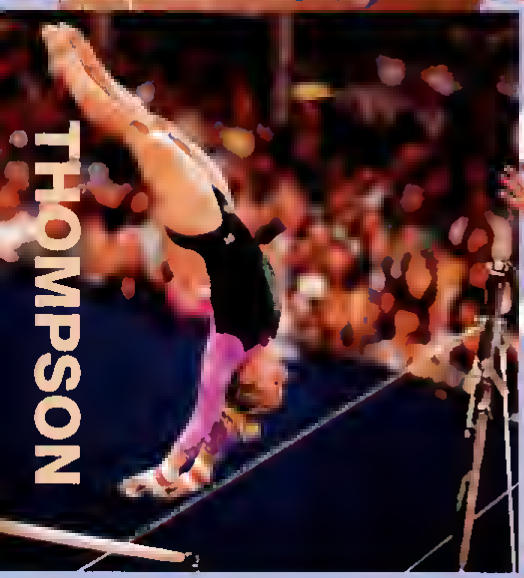
Seniors

MPIONSHIPS

MALONEY AND ATLER TANGLE FOR THE TITLE

By Luan Peszek



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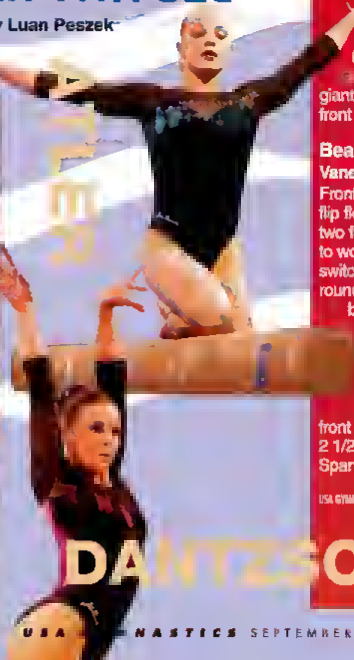

ATLER

DANTZSCHER

...er, step back to center, ... toss, pike double ... dismount.

Horizontal Bar

Jamie Natalie

...m, inbar endo full turn to el grip, ...mediate straddle ...r, endo to ...dstand, one arm ...ant to el grip and full turn backout to ...rgrip on one arm, immediate inbar endo full turn to el grip, hop ... 1/2 turn, stalder 1/2 turn, endo full turn to el grip, hop out 1/2 turn, ... double double ...

WOMEN

Vault

Vanessa Atler

Handspring front layout ... and Yurchenko ... double twist.

Bars

Jennie Thompson

Schaposchnikova mount, shoot over, toe circle, giant Higgins, invert pirouette, Tkatchev, straddle back, toe-hecht, giant, giant, Arabian double front.

Jamie Dantzscher

Schaposchnikova mount, Pak salto, toe-on half, toe-on hecht, uprise, toe-on full, ...enger, kip cast pivot, giant and Arabian double front dismount.

Beam

Vanessa Atler

Front mount to pike jump; flip flop, flip flop, layout to two feet; full turn; pike jump to wolf jump, front pike salto; switch leap to gainer layout; round off, flip flop, double back dismount.

Floor

Elise Ray

Triple full punch front; round off whip half, front Rudi, Shoushounova; 2 1/2 twist. Music is a Spanish melody.

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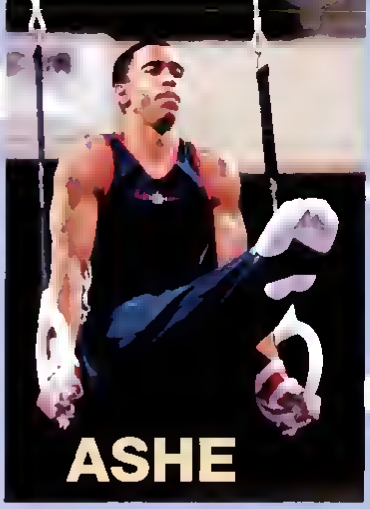


MICHAEL ASHE AND MORGAN HAMM WIN JUNIOR MEN TITLES

By Luan Peszek

Juniors

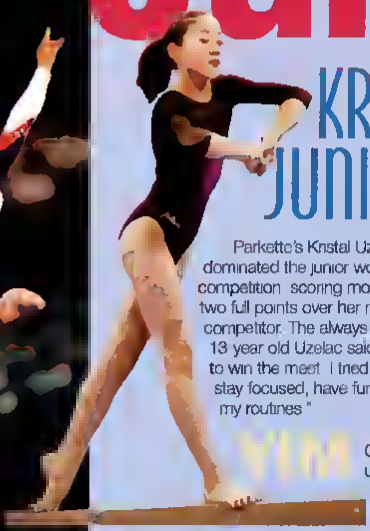
KRISTAL UZELAC WINS JUNIOR NATIONAL TITLE

Michael Ashe from Atlanta School of Gymnastics won the junior all-around title in the 16-18 age division with a score of 51 475 Ashe is coached by Nathan Simmons and Joe Strank and just moved on to the University of California-Berkeley two weeks prior to the event Simmons said, "I thought this was a good way to finish his junior career We considered not even competing in the event because he's been away at Berkeley for two weeks and was getting settled into school We were a little leery of competing because we weren't sure he was prepared due to his transition into college He actually did better than we had expected "

Ashe, who qualified into the senior competition competed with the seniors and finished 27th in the all around He did not earn a spot on the 14-man senior team however the score that he earned in the senior event was the top score for the junior division ages 16-18 Therefore Ashe became the junior national champion in that division with Michael Evans from Team Texaco-Houston a close second and Jock Stevens from Bart Conner Gymnastics in third

Evans maintained first or second throughout the entire junior competition session to lead the competitors in the 16 18 age division which placed him second in the final ranking

Evans, coached by Kevin Mazeika, said following the junior competition, "Leading the competition is very special because I had neck surgery last September and my doctor said I may not be able to compete in gymnastics again It feels great to be in the lead and let people know I'm back. God was truly with me tonight "



Parkette's Kristal Uzelac dominated the junior women's competition scoring more than two full points over her nearest competitor. The always smiling 13 year old Uzelac said "It feels great to win the meet I tried to stay focused, have fun and hit my routines "

Coach Jack Carter said "It's unreal to have both the Junior and Senior National Champions We thought they had a chance to win but we just didn't know how they would hold together We were fairly sure about Kristen but Kristal is not quite as experienced and we didn't know how she would do As it turned out, Kristal is just an animal "

Kristal, also coached by Bill and Donna Strauss and Rooln Netwall, claims floor is her best event because she can get into the music From the looks of her scores, the judges agree with Kristal, giving her a 9 70 during preliminaries and a 9 825 during finals Kristal won three of the four event finals during preliminaries including vault, beam and floor and finished third on bars

Charter Oak Gliders Tabitha Yim earned a solid second all-around scoring 73 737 Tabitha said, "I'm really happy I wanted to hit eight for eight routines, and not just hit, but hit them the best I could "

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Rounding out the 16-18 team included Kevin Tan from Top Flight Matt Abboud from Meine Academy Patrick McFarlin from Daggett's Gymnastics and Dick Huntwork from Hocking

During the event finals competition for this age group, Evans took first on floor and parallel bars and tied for first on vault with Shannon Camon McFarlin earned the top score on pommel horse, while Tan took gold on rings and Stevens grabbed first on high bar Ashe was not eligible for junior event awards since he competed in the senior session.

In the 14-15 age group, Morgan Hamm from Swiss Turners competed with the seniors and almost pulled out a spot on the senior national team

He finished 16th just missing a spot on the senior team by two positions However, his score from the competition pulled him into the lead of the juniors Hamm became the Junior National Champion in the 14-15 age division followed by Team Texaco-Houston's Todd Thornton in second and Parkette's Adam Pummer, who was competing in his first national championships, in third

Hamm's coach, Stacy Maloney said, "I was extremely pleased with his performance it's the first time he s won a major all-around title and it's great to see him shine He went 12 for 12 routines during the competition and displayed his ability to compete with the very best gymnasts in our country Our goal was to make the senior team but I think that will come shortly because he was very close." Maloney, who coaches both Morgen and his twin brother Paul, was awarded the Men's Coach of the Year award at the banquet following Saturday's competition

Pummer coached by Joe Stallone led the junior men's all-around competition session in the 14 15 age division However, Hamm and Thornton who competed in the senior session, had higher all-around scores which placed Pummer third in the 14-15 year old ranking

Rounding out the seven member squad included Texaco-Houston's David Henderson Daggett's Steven Gaudette Technique's Mike Kelly and Justin Spring from Capital Virginia

During event finals for the 14-15 age division, Pummer took top honors on floor Kelly was first on pommel horse, Henderson grabbed the gold on rings and vault, Spring won the parallel bars title and Andre Hernandez was first on high bar Hamm and Thornton were not eligible for event awards since they competed in the senior division.

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JR WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
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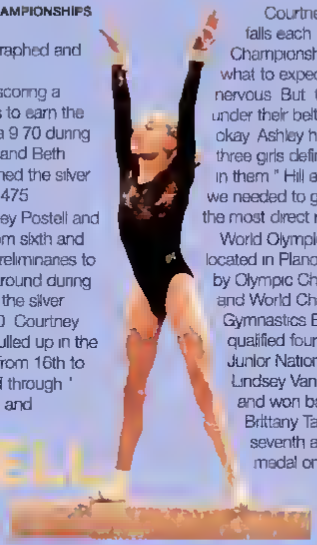
Tabitha's well choreographed and beautiful floor routine was definitely her best event scoring a 9 675 during preliminaries to earn the silver medal and scoring a 9 70 during finals Coached by Steve and Beth Ryback Tabitha also earned the silver medal on bars scoring 9 475

Hill's Gymnastics' Ashley Postell and Glyn Sweets pulled up from sixth and seventh all around after preliminaries to finish third and fourth all-around during finals Postell also earned the silver medal on bars with a 9 50 Courtney Kupets, also from Hill's pulled up in the rankings as well moving from 16th to eighth "They really pulled through " said coach Kelli Hill "Glyn and



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Courtney, who had two falls each were at their first Championships and didn't know what to expect. They were really nervous But they got the first day under their belts and things went okay Ashley had four falls so all three girls definitely have a lot more in them " Hill added "We got where we needed to go, we just didn t take the most direct route "

World Olympic Gymnastics located in Plano, Texas, and coached by Olympic Champion Valeri Liukin and World Champion in Acro Gymnastics Evgeny Marchenko qualified four gymnasts to the Junior National Team including Lindsey Van Eykel who finished fifth and won bars with a score of 9 70 Brittany Talbert who finished seventh and won the bronze medal on floor, and Hollie Vise and Kaitlyn White who finished 10th and 11th, respectively

Liukin said "We are very happy that they made the national team Our gym has been open for five and half years and these girls are the first group of gymnasts that we have developed Of course they had mistakes and they all had falls but they are just beginning on their way up in gymnastics and we hope next time will be even better It was the first Championships event for all of them "

Harris Unlimited Gymnastics Brittany Koncak coached by Mike Harris took sixth all around Koncak was third after the preliminary round of competition but had difficulties on beam which moved her down a few spots in the rankings

Rounding out the Junior National Team included Bart Conner's Larissa Stewart in ninth, Harris' Ashley Miles in 12th, Great American Gymnastics Academy's Terri Humphrey and Amanda Stroud in 13th and 14th Southern California Elite Gymnastics Academy's Rachel Tidd in 15th Dynamo's Ashlee Bradley in 16th Southern Indiana Gymnastics Janae Cox in 17th Orlando s Melanie Sinclair in 18th Parkette s Whitney Ferguson in 19th and Exper-Tiess' Lisa Marzan in 20th

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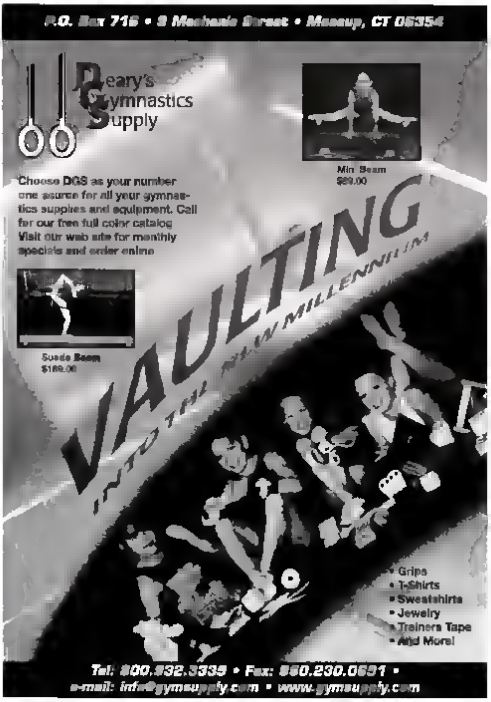

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MEN'S RESULTS

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SENIOR MEN
ALL-AROUND FINALS

	NAME	CLUB/ SCHOOL		FX	PH	SR	VT	PB	HB	AA	TOTAL
1	Blaine Wilson	Tex-USOTC	P	9 200	9 450	9 800	9 725	9.750	9.500	57 225	
			F	9.750	9.600	9 600	9.700	4.700	4.725	58 175	115 300
2.	John Roethlisberger	Minn.	P	8.900	9 950	9 500	9 100	9.525	9.500	56 475	
			F	9 025	9 150	9 300	8 400	9 500	4.450	55 325	111.800
3.	Brett McClure	Tex USOTC	P	9 350	9 600	8 900	9.200	9 625	9 125	55.800	
			F	9.550	9.450	8 900	9 100	9.425	9.275	55.700	111.500
4.	Guard Young	Brigham	P	8.950	9 200	8 950	9.800	9 300	9.575	55.775	
			F	9 100	8 450	8.400	9.550	9 200	9.325	54.525	110.300
5.	Sean Townsend	Tex-Houston	P	9 500	8 850	9.500	8.600	9 300	9.500	55 050	
			F	9.425	8.400	9.000	4.800	9.575	8.750	54 450	110.000
6.	Jay Thornton	Tex-USOTC	P	9.275	8 950	9 000	9 450	9 225	8.700	54.400	
			F	8.875	9 250	8.200	9 300	9.850	9 400	54 875	109.275
7	Yewki Tomita	Gym World	P	9.525	9 250	8.550	9 000	9 450	9.200	54 975	
			F	9 275	9 150	8 450	9.050	8.650	4 450	54.025	109.000
8.	Chris Young	Tex-USOTC	P	9 325	9.525	7 750	4 100	9.650	9.900	55 250	
			F	9 250	9.200	8 100	4.550	8 850	8.450	53 550	108.800
9	Stephen McCain	Tex-USOTC	P	8.925	9 050	9.500	4.000	9.025	4 300	54 800	
			F	8 325	8 950	9 250	8.900	8.850	9.550	53 825	108.625
10.	John Macready	Tex USOTC	P	9 500	9.450	8 700	9.200	9 000	8 975	54 825	
			F	9.700	8.500	8 400	8.950	9.350	8.375	53 275	108.400
11	Paul Hamm	Swiss Turners	P	8 875	9 400	8.800	8.550	9 300	8 825	53.750	
			F	8 275	9 600	8 900	4.050	8 975	4.725	53.525	107.275
12.	Scott Vetere	Univ. of Mich.	P	8 425	8.600	9.400	8.950	9 100	8 200	52.675	
			F	8.650	9.000	9.300	9 300	9 050	8 300	53 600	106.275
13	Jim Foody	UCLA	P	8 925	8.550	8.200	9 000	8 650	8 975	52.300	
			F	9.075	8 200	8.200	9 400	8 975	9 025	53.775	106.075
14.	Doug Stibel	Ohio State	P	8.725	8.275	8 800	9 050	9 100	9.400	53.850	
			F	8 475	7.350	7 800	4 250	4 250	4 250	51 875	105 725

P=Preliminaries F=Finals

EVENT FINALS

FLOOR EXERCISE

1	Jason Gatson	Tex-USOTC	9 800
2.	Yewki Tomita	Gym World	9 525
3	Sean Townsend	Tex-Houston	9 500
3	John Macready	Tex USOTC	9 500
5	Morgan Hamm	Swiss Turners	9 475
6	Brett McClure	Tex USOTC	9 350

POMMEL HORSE

1	John Roethlisberger	Minnesota	9 950
2.	Jason Gatson	Tex USOTC	9 650
3.	Sergei? Turner	Gym Force	9 625
4	Brett McClure	Tex USOTC	9 600
5	Chris Young	Tex USOTC	9 525
5.	Jamie Natalie	Ohio State	9.525

STILL RINGS

1	Blaine Wilson	Tex USOTC	9 600
2.	John Roethlisberger	Minnesota	9 500
2.	Stephen McCain	Tex USOTC	9 500
4	Scott Vetere	Michigan	9 400
5	Jason Gatson	Tex USOTC	9 200
6	Mike Moran	Temple	9 100

VAULT

1	Guard Young	BYU	9 800
2.	Blaine Wilson	Tex-USOTC	9 725
3.	Jason Gatson	Tex USOTC	9 500
4.	Jay Thornton	Tex USOTC	9 450
4.	Mike Moran	Temple	9 450
6.	Sean Townsend	Tex Houston	9 400
6	Walter Jaramillo	Gold Cup	9 400
6	Morgan Hamm	Swiss Turners	9 400

PARALLEL BARS

1	Jason Gatson	Tex-USOTC	9 950
2	Blaine Wilson	Tex USOTC	9.750
3	Chris Young	Tex USOTC	9 650
4	Brett McClure	Tex-USOTC	9 625
5	John Roethlisberger	Minnesota	9.525
6	Yewki Tomita	Gym World	9 450

HIGH BAR

1	Jamie Natalie	Ohio State	9 950
2	Chris Young	Tex USOTC	9 900
2.	Doug Stibel	Ohio State	9 900
4	Daniel Kruse	Tex USOTC	9 600
5	Guard Young	BYU	9 575
6	Blaine Wilson	Tex USOTC	9 500
6	John Roethlisberger	Minnesota	9 500
6	Sean Townsend	Tex Houston	9 500

JUNIOR MEN
ALL-AROUND AGES 14-15

	NAME	CLUB	FX	PH	SR	VT	PB	HB	AA
1	Morgan Hamm	Swiss Turners	9 475	8 350	8.850	9 400	8.350	8 750	52.375
2.	Todd Thornton	Tex-Houston	8 825	8 675	8.000	9 150	8 650	8.800	52.100
3.	Adam Pummer	Parkettes	8 625	7.650	7 250	9.050	7 950	7.550	48.275
4	David Henderson	Tex. Houston	8 050	7 700	8 300	9.300	7.100	7.000	47 450
5.	Steven Gaudette	Daggett	7 600	8.100	7 750	8 250	7 750	7.500	46 950
6	Mike Rally	Technique	8 175	8 500	7 650	8.500	7 000	6.950	46.675
7	Justin Spring	Capitol-Va	8 400	7 100	6 750	8.750	8.000	7.350	46 350

ALL-AROUND AGES 14-18

	NAME	CLUB	FX	PH	SR	VT	PB	HB	AA
1	Michael Ashe	Atlanta	8 325	8.700	8 600	8 800	7 800	9 250	51 475
2.	Michael Evans	Tex. Houston	8 000	8 700	7 850	9 200	8 350	7 900	50 000
3	Jack Stevens	Bart Conner	8.300	8 400	7 950	9 150	8.300	8 475	50 575
4.	Kevin Tan	Top Flight	7.850	8 200	8.650	9 100	8.250	9 025	50 875
5	Matt Abbasi	Maine Acrl	8.250	8.200	8.200	8.700	8 100	8.075	49 625
6.	Patrick McFerlin	Daggett	8 350	9 100	7 500	8.400	8 100	7 150	49 100
7	Dick Hoodwork	Hedong	8 550	8.800	7 400	8.900	8 250	7 450	48 550

EVENT FINALS 14-15

FLOOR

1	Adam Pummer	Parkettes	8.625
2.	Justin Spring	Capitol VA	8.400
3.	Andre Hernandez	Capitol-TX	8.325
4	Mike Rally	Technique	8.175
5.	David Henderson	Tex Houston	8.050
6	D.J. Butcher	Queen City	7 900

POMMEL HORSE

1	Mike Rally	Technique	8.500
2.	Steven Gaudette	Daggett	8.100
3	Charlie Jones	Aurora	8 050
4.	Justin Laury	Atlanta	7 900
5	Adam Pummer	Parkettes	7 850
6.	David Henderson	Tex-Houston	7 700

STILL RINGS

1	David Henderson	Tex-Houston	8 300
2.	Justin Laury	Atlanta	7 500
3.	Steven Gaudette	Daggett	7.750
4	Mike Rally	Technique	7 650
5	Greg Stine	Champion	7 500
6.	Adam Pummer	Parkettes	7.250

VAULT

1	David Henderson	Tex Houston	9.200
2	Adam Pummer	Parkettes	9 050
3	Charlie Jones	Aurora	8.900
4.	Justin Spring	Capitol VA	8 750
5	Justin Laury	Atlanta	8 600
6.	Andre Hernandez	Capitol TX	8.550

PARALLEL BARS

1	Justin Spring	Capitol-VA	8 000
2.	Adam Pummer	Parkettes	7.950
3.	Steven Gaudette	Daggetts	7 750
4	Greg Stine	Champion	7 650
4	D.J. Bucher	Queen City	7 650
6	Charlie Jones	Aurora	7.550

HIGH BAR

1	Andre Hernandez	Capitol-TX	7 800
2.	Adam Pummer	Parkettes	7 550
3	Steven Gaudette	Daggetts	7 500
4.	Justin Spring	Capitol VA	7.350
5.	D.J. Bucher	Queen City	7.325
6.	Charlie Jones	Aurora	7.250

EVENT FINALS 16-18

FLOOR

1	Michael Evans	Tex Houston	8.800
2.	Shannon Carrion	Gym Force	8.750
3.	Jamey Houle	Daggett	8.600
4.	Dan Gill	Capitol-VA	8.550
4.	Dick Hoodwork	Hedong	8.550
6.	Josh Landis	Bart Conner	8.450

POMMEL HORSE

1	Patrick McFerlin	Daggett	9 100
2.	John Gendron	Bart Conner	8 950
3.	Michael Evans	Tex Houston	8 700
4	Bob Rogers	Swiss Turners	8 500
5.	Alex Weber	International	8 450
6	Jack Stevens	Bart Conner	8 400

STILL RINGS

1	Kevin Tan	Top Flight	8 650
2.	Matt Abbasi	Maine Ac	8 200
3	Jack Stevens	Bart Conner	7 450
4	Jamey Houle	Daggett	7 400
5	Randy Monahan	Central Pa.	7.350
5	Michael Evans	Tex-Houston	7.350

VAULT

1	Shannon Carrion	Gym Force	9 200
1	Michael Evans	Tex-Houston	9 200
3.	Jack Stevens	Bart Conner	9 150
4	Dan Gill	Capitol-VA	9 100
4.	Kevin Tan	Top Flight	9 100
6	Randy Monahan	Central Pa.	8.950

PARALLEL BARS

1	Michael Evans	Tex Houston	8.350
2.	Josh Landis	Bart Conner	8 300
2.	Jack Stevens	Bart Conner	8.300
4	Heath Mueller	Bart Conner	8 250
4	Dick Hoodwork	Hedong	8.250
4.	Kevin Tan	Top Flight	8.250

HIGH BAR

1	Jack Stevens	Bart Conner	8.475
2.	Randy Monahan	Central Pa	8.375
3.	Joseph Hagerty	Gold Cup	8.250
4	Shannon Carrion	Gym Force	8.225
5	Heath Mueller	Bart Conner	8.175
6.	John Gendron	Bart Conner	8 150

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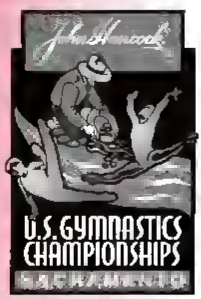

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SENIOR WOMEN

ALL-AROUND FINALS

NAME	CLUB	VT	UB	BB	FX	TOTAL
1. Kristen Maloney	Parkettes	9.587	9.575	9.725	9.800	38.687
2. Vanessa Atler	Gliders	9.712	9.175	9.575	9.850	38.312
3. Tennie Thompson	Cincinnati	9.512	9.650	9.625	9.325	38.112
4. Alyssa Barkerman	Cincinnati	9.212	9.675	9.775	9.350	38.012
5. Tonia Dantzscher	Gliders	9.325	9.625	9.250	9.550	37.750
6. Elise Ray	Hill's	9.287	9.275	9.300	9.800	37.662
7. Morgan White	Cincinnati	9.175	9.450	9.475	9.525	37.625
8. Robin Phelps	Hill's	9.225	9.425	9.300	9.550	37.550
9. Tasha Schwikert	Gym Cats	9.200	9.450	9.000	9.200	36.850
10. Stephanie Cotter	Rocket	9.112	9.150	9.075	8.875	36.212
11. Martina Stephens	Brown's	9.375	9.100	8.875	8.750	36.100
12. Mylan David	Cascade	8.837	9.050	8.675	9.325	35.887
13. Erin Dooley	Hill's	9.100	7.200	9.600	9.600	35.500
14. Lindsey Wing	Hill's	8.700	8.750	9.200	8.725	35.375
15. Annabeth Eberle	Starz	9.287	8.600	8.325	9.075	35.287
16. Monique Chong	Capitol	9.137	9.175	7.350	9.575	35.237
17. Carrie Nagle	Parkettes	8.837	9.200	8.125	9.000	35.162
18. Kelsie Hardman	National Elite	8.762	7.900	8.900	9.350	34.912
19. Marie Fjordholm	World Olym.	9.162	8.200	8.325	9.175	34.862
20. Dana Pierce	Wright's	8.787	8.400	8.525	9.125	34.837

VAULT

1	Vanessa Atler	Glider's	9.675
2	Martina Stephens	Brown's	9.425
3.	Marie Fjordholm	World Oly.	9.212
4	Tasha Schwikert	Gym Cats	9.075
5	Annabeth Eberle	Starz	8.987
6	Elise Ray	Hill's	8.962

BEAM

1	Vanessa Atler	Gliders	9.775
2	Kristen Maloney	Parkettes	9.725
3	Tennie Thompson	Cincinnati	9.675
4	Erin Dooley	Hill's	9.625
5	Elise Ray	Hill's	9.300
6	Morgan White	Cincinnati	9.150

BARS

1	Jamie Dantzscher	Gliders	9.675
1	Tennie Thompson	Cincinnati	9.675
3	Morgan White	Cincinnati	9.550
3	Alyssa Barkerman	Cincinnati	9.550
5	Tasha Schwikert	Gym Cats	9.500
6	Kristen Maloney	Parkettes	8.425

FLOOR

1	Elise Ray	Hill's	9.775
2.	Morgan White	Cincinnati	9.650
3.	Monique Chong	Capitol	9.600
4.	Jamie Dantzscher	Gliders	9.475
5.	Kelsie Hardman	National Elite	8.900
6.	Erin Dooley	Hill's	8.700

JUNIOR WOMEN

ALL-AROUND

	NAME		VT	UB	BB	FX	AA	TOTAL
1	Kristal Uzelac	P	9.325	9.325	9.625	9.700	37.975	
	Parkettes	F	9.425	9.425	9.200	9.025	38.075	76.050
2.	Tabitha Yim	P	8.787	9.100	9.475	9.675	37.037	
	Gliders	F	8.800	9.200	9.000	9.700	36.700	73.737
3.	Ashley Postell	P	8.612	9.500	8.700	9.350	36.162	
	Hill's Gymnastics	F	9.087	9.025	9.050	9.600	36.762	72.924
4	Glyn Sweets	P	8.825	9.050	8.850	9.250	35.975	
	Hill's Gymnastics	F	9.025	8.975	9.575	9.350	36.925	72.900
5	Lindsey Vanden Eykel	P	9.087	9.700	8.900	8.575	36.262	
	World Olympic	F	9.075	8.875	9.475	9.100	36.525	72.787
6	Brittany Kancak	P	9.112	9.100	9.000	9.200	36.712	
	Harris Unlimited Gym.	F	9.100	9.200	8.800	9.175	35.775	72.487
7	Brittany Talbert	P	8.162	8.525	9.375	9.425	35.487	
	World Olympic	F	8.737	9.150	9.200	9.700	36.787	72.274
8.	Courtney Rogers	P	8.625	9.000	9.375	8.175	35.175	
	Hill's Gymnastics	F	9.037	8.950	9.350	9.350	36.687	72.062
9	Tariera Steward	P	8.682	9.200	8.750	8.825	35.462	
	Hill's Gymnastics	F	8.862	9.375	8.900	9.350	36.487	71.949
10.	Holly Vise	P	8.850	9.275	9.400	8.825	36.350	
	World Olympic	F	8.875	8.425	8.925	9.100	35.325	71.675
11	Kaitlyn White	P	9.087	9.200	7.700	8.225	34.212	
	World Olympic	F	9.212	9.125	9.275	9.250	36.862	71.074
12.	Ashley Miles	P	9.237	8.650	9.000	8.975	35.862	
	Harris Gym. Unlimited	F	9.225	9.100	7.750	8.825	34.900	70.762
13	Tessie Humphrey	P	8.462	9.200	8.575	8.650	35.387	
	Great American Gym. Acad.	F	8.512	9.300	8.525	8.800	35.137	70.524
14	Amanda Stroud	P	9.012	8.800	8.375	9.275	35.462	
	Great American Gym. Acad.	F	9.025	8.800	7.875	9.500	35.000	70.462
15	Rachel Tidd	P	9.037	8.950	8.125	9.025	35.137	
	Southern Calif. Elite Gym. Acad.	F	8.737	8.825	8.600	9.150	35.312	70.449
16.	Ashlee Bradley	P	8.637	8.975	9.050	9.025	35.687	
	Dynamo	F	8.650	9.000	8.050	8.875	34.575	70.262
17	Jessica Cox	P	8.837	8.500	9.075	8.950	35.362	
	Southern Indiana Gym. Acad	F	8.787	8.450	8.700	8.800	34.737	70.099
18.	Melanie Sinclair	P	8.550	8.175	8.775	8.625	34.525	
	Orlando	F	8.787	9.075	8.600	8.775	35.237	69.762
19	Whitney Ferguson	P	8.400	8.725	8.525	8.700	34.350	
	Parkettes	F	8.587	8.500	8.925	9.100	35.112	69.462
20.	Lisa Morana	P	9.200	8.700	8.425	9.400	35.725	
	Exper Tiers	F	9.175	7.900	8.950	9.250	33.275	69.100

P=Preliminaries F=Finals

EVENT FINALS

VAULT

1	Kristal Uzelac	Parkettes	9.325
2.	Ashley Miles	Harris	9.237
3	Lisa Morana	Exper Tiers	9.200
4	Cassandra Jessica	Hughesnow	9.137
5	Brittany Kancak	Harris	9.112
6.	Lindsey Vanden Eykel	World Olympic	9.087
6	Kaitlyn White	World Olympic	9.087

BARS

1.	Lindsey Vanden Eykel	World Olympic	9.700
2.	Ashley Postell	Hill's	9.500
3.	Kristal Uzelac	Parkettes	9.325
4.	Tessie Humphrey	Great American	9.300
5.	Holly Vise	World Olympic	9.275
6.	Lorraine Steward	Rock Gymnastics	9.000
6.	Kaitlyn White	World Olympic	9.200

BALANCE BEAM

1	Kristal Uzelac	Parkettes	9.625
2.	Tabitha Yim	Gliders	9.475
3.	Holly Vise	World Olympic	9.400
4	Courtney Rogers	Hill's	9.375
4.	Brittany Talbert	World Olympic	9.375
6.	Brittany Kancak	Harris	9.300

FLOOR EXERCISE

1	Kristal Uzelac	Parkettes	9.700
2.	Tabitha Yim	Gliders	9.675
3	Brittany Talbert	World Olympic	9.425
4.	Lisa Morana	Exper Tiers	9.400
5	Ashley Postell	Hill's	9.350
6.	Amanda Stroud	Great American	9.275

Shannon Miller was married to Chris Phillips on June 12, 1999, in Oklahama City, Oklahoma. It was a beautiful wedding with a guest list of around a thousand. There were 12 bridesmaids and 12 groomsmen. Shannon's Maid of Honor was her sister Tessa and the Best Man was Chris' brother Dan.

The wedding party included the entire 1996 Women's Olympic Team plus good friend and 1992 Olympic Teammate Kim Zmeskal, long time beam coach and friend Peggy Liddick, Dynamo teammates Jennie Thompson, Soni Meduna and Heather Brink and good friend Terri Thomas.

On the men's side were many of the groom's closest friends including Shannan's brother Troy and 1984 Olympic Gold Medalist Bart Conner.

It was a wonderful day that they will remember always. Good luck to the happy couple!

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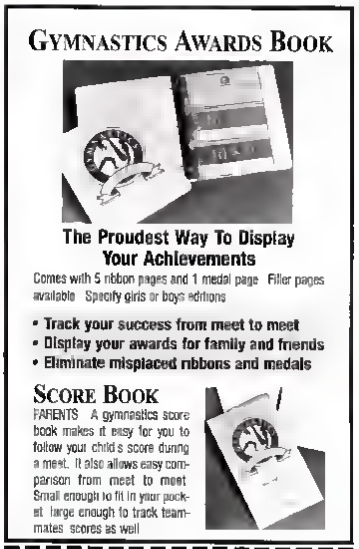
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popped I knew something had happened because of the loud pop "

Gatson added, "This is going to make me stronger I'm going to get it fixed and come back and be on the Olympic team in Sydney And, we're going to bring back a medal to the United States "

Gatson is a member of Team Texaco-USOTC and is coached by Ron Brant and Vitaly Marnitch Gatson and teammate Wilson are friends and training partners but also great competitors pushing one another every step of the way

Wilson said, "It's kind of a bittersweet victory I'm glad I won I hit six for six events today and did what I came here to do But, I'm bummed about Jason I know he'll come back stronger than ever though, I'll see to it "

After the preliminary round of competition, Gatson had a slim margin over three time National Champion Wilson—57 325 to 57 25 But after the first event, and Gatson scratching from the competition due to his knee injury Blaine put his foot on the gas winning the event with a score of 115 300 to Roethlisberger's 111 800 McClure held on to third with a score of 111 500

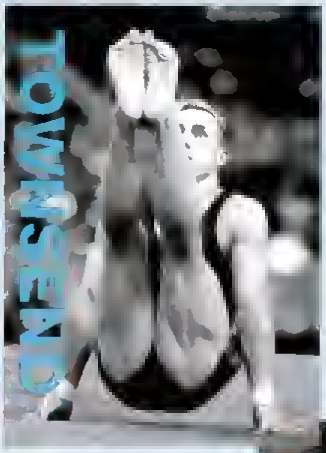
McClure's coach, Ron Brant said, "We knew over the last year Brett has been doing well but just hadn't put it together completely We modified his routines and he felt more comfortable with them We knew it was just a matter of time for him to put it all together He's put a lot of work into it and we're proud of what he's accomplished "

McClure said, "I was happy with how I finished My goal was to make World Trials and maybe sneak on the team so I obviously did a little better than I expected I think the qualifier in Houston made me realize I could hit my routines I was mentally prepared and everything came out all right "

Brigham Young's Guard Young, coached by Mako Sakamoto, had his best showing at a National Championships, placing fourth in the all around and winning vault with a score of 9 80 "It feels awesome," said Young "I wasn't worried about placement. I just tried to do my best and I figured everything else would take care of itself "

Team Texaco-Houston's Sean Townsend placed fifth in the standings and tied for third on floor with John Macready, scoring 9 50 Townsend coached by Kevin Mazeika said, "During preliminaries I hit four out of six routines Today I hit five out of six routines I'm looking forward to World Team Trials and moving up in the rankings!"

Team Texaco-USOTC's Jay Thornton finished sixth all-around and scored an impressive 9 85 on parallel bars during all-around finals Brant said, "He's had his ups and downs during the year and we've made some adjustments to his training He's a really hard worker and it's great to see him succeed He made some mistakes on pommel horse and high bar the first day but came back strong during all-around finals."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Yewki Tomita from Gymnastics World in Tucson, Ariz finished seventh all around and won the silver medal on floor He said "I was a little disappointed with how I did at Championships. I didn't feel I did as well as I could have I had two misses each day of competition It was my first Championships as a senior and with World Trials on the line, I guess I just got nervous Hopefully I will learn from my mistakes and do better at World Team Trials "

He added "I was happy about taking second on floor I was surprised because I only have a 9 80 start value but I hit a pretty good routine for me so I was happy about that "

Chris Young, 26, from Team Texaco-USOTC finished eighth in the all-around and tied for the silver medal on high bar with Doug Stibel from Ohio State, each scoring a 9 90 Chris also won a bronze medal on parallel bars Coach Brant said, "He had a pretty good meet Rings is a hard event for him. He's been working on it but he also has a shoulder problem so it's difficult to train on this event like we need to "

Stephen McCain tied for the silver medal on rings with Roethlisberger, scoring a 9 50 McCain finished ninth in the all-around Brant said "He's added a bunch of new skills in the last four or five months since he's been with us He wasn't at 100% at the meet but he's learning to get through even when he's not at 100% His routines are definitely at a point where he can help the U S team "

Other event finals medalists included Gym Force's Sanjuan Jones who earned the bronze medal on pommel horse with a score of 9 625, and Ohio State's Jamie Natalie won gold on high bar with a 9 950.

Rounding out the USA National Team included 1996 Olympian John Macready from Team Texaco USOTC Swiss Turners' Paul Hamm who is 16 and the youngest member of the team, University of Michigan's Scott Vetere, UCLA's Jim Foody and Ohio State's Doug Stibel

Hamm's coach Stacy Maloney said "Our goal was to just make the team There was a lot of competition Paul finished a little better than I expected. He had a lot of great performances out he also showed a lot of room for improvement. Last year he was 27th and this year 11th so we've made a lot of progress I'm excited about the future "

C. YOUNG

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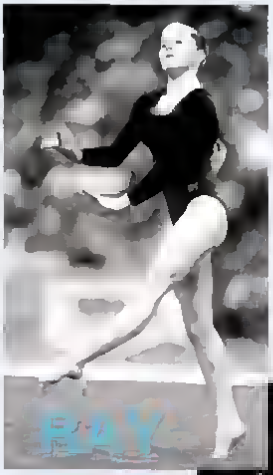

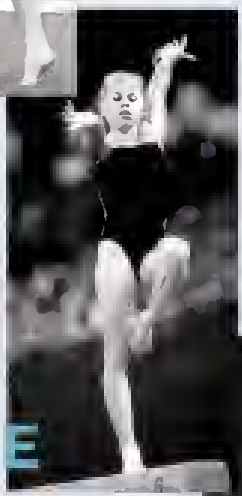

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Arena and the gymnasts aimed to please the enthusiastic crowd

The all around competition had spectators on the edge of their seats—with Glider's Vanessa Atler and Parkette's Kristen Maloney in head-to-head

WHITE

competition The two gymnasts started off the event scoring a 9 575 on beam and bars, respectively After round two, Vanessa scored a 9 850 on floor to maintain a slight edge over Kristen, who scored a 9 725 on beam Kristen closed the gap slightly in round three with her 9 800 on floor but Vanessa maintained the lead, thanks to her vaults which scored 9 712 It was the fourth and final event where the drama unfolded Vanessa, who is coached by Steve and Beth Rybacki, was on bars while Kristen, coached by the Parkette's clan including Bill and Donna Strauss, Jack Carter and Robin Netwall, was on vault Vanessa missed her front salto release which put the pressure on Kristen to hit her vaults Kristen answered the challenge by hitting both vaults to win the title, 38 687 to 38 312

Eighteen-year old Kristen was asked about her win and said,

"It feels pretty good I was a little surprised because I didn't feel as ready this year My shin's been bothering me and I haven't been able to train like I've wanted It didn't come together as soon as I would have liked but I think the experience from the last two years helped me a lot "

When asked if she knew how close she was with Vanessa, she said "I knew it was really close between us I didn't see her fall on bars but I heard the crowd's reaction so I realized what had happened I knew I had to hit both vaults to win "

Coach Donna Strauss said, "I have the utmost admiration for Kristen She had perseverance and hung tough I'm very proud of her We couldn't do repetitions in practice but she put it together in the heat of the battle

Seventeen year-old Vanessa was asked about her fall on bars and said, 'Yes I did it again For some reason, I keep on doing it No excuses People keep telling me to change my bar routine I guess I'm too stubborn I make the skill all the time in practice but in meets it feels harder "

Jennie Thompson who is coached by Mary Lee Tracy finished the event in third all-around with a score of 38 112 The Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy 18-year-old threw a new vault, double twisting Yurchenko, plus hit solid routines on bars, beam and floor

Jennie said, "I thought I could have done a little better but I was shooting for top three I knew I had to go in, be solid and hit all four routines "

Also from Cincinnati Gymnastics Alyssa Beckerman, 18 held tough scoring a 38 012 and grabbing fourth place in the all-around Alyssa's best event was beam where she scored a 9 775 When asked how she felt about her finish she said "I was ecstatic I couldn't believe I was up that high I wasn't watching the scoreboard so I didn t find out where I placed until they called us to lineup and march out "

Jamie Dantzscher, 17, had an outstanding and consistent competition, especially on bars scoring a 9 625 Jamie, from Charter Oak Gliders, used a relatively new first tumbling pass on floor, a double layout

She said, "I was really excited about finishing fifth My goal was to hit my routines and finish in the top six It would mean a lot to me to make the World Team It's been my dream since I ve been real young "

Hill's Gymnastics' Elise Ray 17, finished sixth in the all-around with a score of 37 662 Coach Kelli Hill, who qualified the most athletes to the National Team including four seniors and three juniors said, 'I was relieved for her that she maintained the top six knowing that she blew bars and beam I thought she was too cautious today She didn't attack the set like she does in practice."

Cincinnati's 17-year-old Morgan White, who won the 1999 Pan American Games all-around title took seventh all-around and remained consistent throughout the all-around competition

Hill's Gymnastics' Robin Phelps, 17 was eighth all-around scoring consistently on all four events Coach Hill said, "Robin injured her knee last year at Championships in February at the re-ranking meet she wasn t 100%, but since around March she's been at 100% and is doing a wonderful job I was extremely pleased with the way she was aggressive and attacked her sets both mentally and physically"

Rounding out the national team included Gym Cat's Tasha Schwikert Ricochet s Stephanie Carter Brown's Marline Stephens Cascade's Mylan Dodd Hill's Erinn Dooley and Lindsey Wing Starz Annabeth Eberle, Capital's Monique Chang Parkette's Carrie Nagle National Elite's Katie Hardman, World Olympic's Marie Fjordholm and Wright's Dana Pierce

During event finals Atler came back strong on the only two events she competed—vault and beam—to win both titles She scored a 9 675 on vault and a 9 775 on beam Marline Stephens and Marie Fjordholm earned second and third on vault with scores of 9 425 and 9 212, respectively

Thompson and Dantzscher tied for first on bars with a score of 9 675 While Beckerman and White tied for third on bars with a score of 9 550

Maloney earned the silver medal on beam scoring 9 725 to Atler's 9 775 and Thompson won bronze with a 9 675

Ray took top honors on floor with a score of 9 775 followed by White with a 9 65 and Capital Gymnastics' Monique Chang in third with a 9 60

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with a score of 53 575 to qualify for all-around finals "One of my goals was to do well on all of my routines and not worry about the all-around competition tonight," said Dutka after the team event Unfortunately, Mike was unable to put it all together two nights in a row and fell to 17th in the all-around after finals However, Mike qualified to three event finals where he took sixth on pommel horse and vault and seventh on parallel bars

"Mike really came through for the U S team when it counted and helped us edge Canada for the team medal," said Golimore "Mike's been out of competition for a while but showed his great potential at the Pan American Games"

Stephen McCain, who placed ninth overall in preliminaries, advanced to the all-around finals where he finished a very respectable seventh place This event was Stephen's first since moving to the Olympic Training Center He was very consistent and although he shows room for improvement he had no major mistakes throughout the competition In fact, Stephen qualified for rings and parallel bars finals and finished fifth and eighth, respectively

"I was very happy to make event finals," said McCain "I was excited about my performance today, especially on the rings Competition was just very steady"

Young qualified to event finals in floor, but had to leave the competition early due to a family emergency

New to the senior ranks, Ashe and Bhavsar, rose to the challenge of international competition and competed with the maturity of senior gymnasts Bhavsar even qualified to finals on floor and pommel horse and finished in seventh place on both events

"This event has been a huge confidence builder for me I didn't expect do so well at an event of this caliber," said Raj Bhavsar, who was the 1998 U.S. Junior National Champion

Veteran Cuban gymnast Eric Lopez won the all-around scoring 56 275, followed by Canadian Alexander Jeltkov who scored 55 000 Lazaro Lamelas and Adonis

Vazquez of Cuba placed third and fourth with scores of 54 950 and 54 325, respectively

TEAM

1	Cuba	222.375
2.	United States	216 000
3.	Canada	215 150
4.	Venezuela	207 825
5	Argentina	204 825
6.	Puerto Rico	204 400
7	Brazil	202 925

MEN'S ALL-AROUND

1	Eric Lopez	Cuba	56 275
2.	Alexander Jeltkov	Canada	55.000
3	Lazaro Lamelas	Cuba	54 950
4	Adonis Vazquez	Cuba	54 325
5	Diego Lizardi	Puerto Rico	53 950
6	Kristan Burley	Canada	53.650
7	Stephen McCain	United States	53 625
8	Eric Pedercini	Argentina	52.650
9	Jorge Giraldo	Colombia	52 400
9	Francisco Lopez	Mexico	52 400
11	Richard Ikeda	Canada	52.200
12	Luis Vargas	Puerto Rico	51.825
13	Pablo Cupate	Venezuela	51 600
14	Michael Moran	United States	50 950
15	Michel Conceicao	Brazil	50 100
16	Mosiah Rodrigues	Brazil	50 075
17	Michael Dutka	United States	49 975
18	Fineas DeFontes	Barbados	49 950
19	Charley Malewicdik	Brazil	49 475
20	Juan Ortiz	Puerto Rico	49 200
21	Martin Barrionuevo	Argentina	48 775
22	Sergio Echaja	Argentina	48.700
23	Ronald Gonzalez	Venezuela	47 525
24	Tomas Augusto Romero	Colombia	7.250

FLOOR EXERCISE

1	Eric Pedercini	Argentina	9 400
2	Yeandry Diaz	Cuba	8 350
3	Victor Saltarazo	Venezuela	9.051
4	Martin Barrionuevo	Argentina	8 901
5	Michael Dutka	United States	8.875
6	Doria Goad	Canada	8.700
7	Raj Bhavsar	United States	8.500
8.	Lazaro Lamelas	Cuba	8.200

POMMEL HORSE

1	Eric Lopez	Cuba	9.700
2.	Caryzel Briceno	Venezuela	9.450
3.	Jorge Giraldo	Colombia	9.350
4.	Richard Ikeda	Canada	9.300
5	Lazaro Lamelas	Cuba	9 250
6	Michael Dutka	United States	9.050
7	Raj Bhavsar	United States	8.850
8.	Gustavo Barreto	Brazil	7.750

RINGS

1	Eric Lopez	Cuba	9.650
2.	Sergio Alvarino	Argentina	9.500
3	Diego Lizardi	Puerto Rico	9 475
4	Francisco Diaz	Cuba	9 450
5.	Stephen McCain	United States	9 425
6	Kleber Sato	Brazil	9.375
7	Tomas Pacheco	Venezuela	9.300
8	Ivan Ortiz	Puerto Rico	9.050

VAULT

1	Abel Driggs	Cuba	9.587
2	Yeandry Diaz	Cuba	9.537
3	Kristan Burley	Canada	9 475
4	Pablo Cupate	Venezuela	9.275
5	Eric Pedercini	Argentina	9.212
6	Michael Dutka	United States	9.200
7	Michel Conceicao	Brazil	9 012
8.	Roshan Amendra	Canada	8 800

PARALLEL BARS

1	Eric Lopez	Cuba	9.550
2.	Jorge Giraldo	Colombia	9 525
3.	Abel Driggs	Cuba	9 300
4	Luis Vargas	Puerto Rico	9.275
5.	Kristan Burley	Canada	9.200
6.	Grant Golding	Canada	9 150
7	Michael Dutka	United States	8 875
8	Stephen McCain	United States	8.675

HIGH BAR

1	Alexander Jeltkov	Canada	9.700
2	Eric Lopez	Cuba	9 450
3	Luis Vargas	Puerto Rico	9 400
4	Caryzel Briceno	Venezuela	9.350
5	Jorge Giraldo	Colombia	9 200
6	Francisco Lopez	Mexico	9.000
7	Roshan Amendra	Canada	8.850
8	Lazaro Lamelas	Cuba	8.800

1999 MEN'S PAN AMERICAN TEAM

Raj Bhavsar	Cypress Gymnastics (Houston, Texas)
Michael Ashe	Atlanta School of Gymnastics (Atlanta, Ga)
Stephen McCain	Team Texaco-USOTC (Colorado Springs, Colo)
Michael Dutka	Team Texaco-Houston Gym Acad (Houston, Texas)
Chris Young	Team Texaco-USOTC (Colorado Springs, Colo)
Michael Moran	Temple University (Philadelphia, Pa)

WOMEN'S PAN AMERICAN TEAM

Jeanette Antolin	SCATS (Huntington Beach, Calif)
Alyssa Beckerman	Cincinnati Gymnastics (Cincinnati, Ohio)
Jamie Dantzscher	SCATS (Huntington Beach, Calif)
Erinn Dooley	Hill's Gymnastics (Gaithersburg, Md)
Jennie Thompson	Cincinnati Gymnastics (Cincinnati, Ohio)
Morgan White	Cincinnati Gymnastics (Cincinnati, Ohio)

U.S. WOMEN-PAN AM GAMES
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The Pan American Games is one of White's first international competitions as a senior gymnast She was the Junior National Champion in 1998

Thompson was in a close race for the all-around gold medal, but a fall on the beam in the fourth rotation dropped her to third "Overall, I did a good job in the all-around," said Thompson "I have to learn from my mistakes on beam tonight I think I just got a little ahead of myself Although if there were anyone I'd want to lose the gold medal to, it would be my teammate, Morgan"

U S 's Jamie Dantzscher placed eighth in the all-around with a score of 36 848

EVENT FINALS

After watching Thompson aggravate her ankle injury on vault, Morgan took control for the U S , performing solid all evening In fact, Morgan continued her winning streak to earn yet another medal — a bronze on bars with a score of 9 537

Thompson and Head Coach Mary Lee Tracy decided after vault it would be best for Jennie not to finish the event finals competition due to the upcoming rigorous competition schedule "We are unsure about Jennie's ankle at this point," said Tracy "It had been bothering her all week so we decided not to risk it any further Jennie is a strong competitor and I know she'll bounce back."

Thompson was scheduled to compete on both bars and floor Dantzscher was able to replace Thompson on floor, as she was the first alternate on the U S team Dantzscher performed a solid routine, placing fifth She also competed in the beam event finals and placed seventh

Canadian gymnasts won five event finals medals Yvonne Tousek won gold medals on both bars and floor, Lise Leveille won beam, and silver medals were earned by Julie Beaulieu on bars and Michelle Conway on floor

FINAL TEAM

1	Canada	148 944
2.	United States	148 364
3.	Brazil	147 639
4	Venezuela	144 019
5	Cuba	143 796
6.	Argentina	142 977
7	Chile	131 456
8	Bermuda	114 658

WOMEN'S ALL-AROUND

1	Morgan White	United States	37 849
2.	Michelle Conway	Canada	37 618
3.	Jennie Thompson	United States	37.236
4.	Yvonne Tousek	Canada	37 199
5.	Lise Leveille	Canada	37 130
6.	Barbara Alvarado	Argentina	37 061
7	Daniele Hypolito	Brazil	36 881
8.	Jamie Dantzscher	United States	36 848
9	Yureysis Bermudez	Cuba	36.399
9	Denisse Lopez	Mexico	36.399
11	Melina Sirolli	Argentina	36 155
12.	Heine Araujo	Brazil	35 819
13.	Yove Arozay	Cuba	35 674
14	Brenda Magana	Mexico	35 380
15	Camila Comin	Brazil	34 837
16	Jessica Narciso Riera	Argentina	34 232
17	Barbara Achondo	Chile	34 018
18	Annalina Adrianzo	Venezuela	34 011
19	Patricia Bonacho	Chile	33 161
20	Yamaili Perez	Cuba	33.111
21	Melania Carroll Sarrayou	Guatemala	32.969
22.	Maria Del Carmen Lorenzo	Uruguay	32 076
23.	Laura Murphy	Bermuda	31.211

VAULT

1	Annay Jam	Cuba	9 450
2.	Daiane Santos	Brazil	9.387
3.	Eddylin Zabaleta	Venezuela	9 231
4	Denisse Lopez	Mexico	9 206
5	Morgan White	United States	8.993
6	Yureysis Bermudez	Cuba	8.950
7	Daniele Hypolito	Brazil	8.756
8	Jennie Thompson	United States	8.293

UNEVEN BARS

1	Yvonne Tousek	Canada	9 662
2.	Julie Beaulieu	Canada	9 600
3.	Morgan White	United States	9 537
4	Melina Sirolli	Argentina	9 500
5	Marcela Gomes	Brazil	9 487
6	Barbara Alvarado	Argentina	9 262
7	Melissa Cesar	Venezuela	9 262

BEAM

1	Lise Leveille	Canada	9 612
2	Barbara Alvarado	Argentina	9 512
3	Melina Sirolli	Argentina	9.387
4.	Marcella Gomes	Brazil	9 100
5.	Yvonne Tousek	Canada	9.000
6.	Melissa Cesar	Venezuela	8 725
7	Jamie Dantzscher	United States	8.200
8.	Arlen Lovera	Venezuela	8 537

FLOOR

1	Yvonne Tousek	Canada	9 712
2	Michelle Conway	Canada	9 687
3	Daiane Santos	Brazil	9 612
4.	Morgan White	United States	9.562
5	Jamie Dantzscher	United States	9 425
6	Barbara Alvarado	Argentina	9 337
7	Eddylin Zabaleta	Venezuela	8 675
8.	Jessica Lopez	Venezuela	8.312

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Kate Jeffress of Rockville, Md., ranked second on the U.S. National Team, placing fifth after completing four strong routines. Jeffress scored 37.814.

GROUP COMPETITION

The United States group team placed fourth of four teams in the finals competition. Brazil took the gold, followed by Cuba and Canada.

"We are not necessarily disappointed with our routines today, but we are upset with how the finals turned out," said group member Lisa Welshinger.

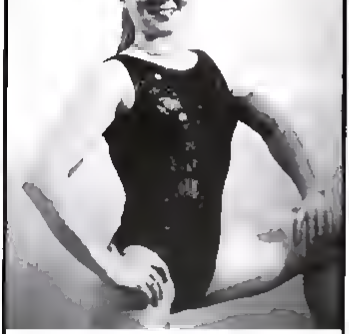
INDIVIDUAL ALL-AROUND FINALS

1.	Emilie Livingston	CAN	38.265
2.	Jessica Howard	USA	38.264
3.	Yordanka Carrillo	CUB	38.256
4.	Erika Sirotan	CAN	38.147
5.	Katherine Jeffress	USA	37.814
6.	Alexia Rosario Martinez	MEX	37.497
7.	Anahi Sosa	ARG	37.482
8.	Rosario Marinoff	ARG	37.381

GROUP FINALS

1.	Brazil	38.431
2.	Cuba	37.732
3.	Canada	37.532
4.	United States	37.033

GROUP MEMBERS INCLUDE: Katherine Betts, Syracuse, N.Y., Stefanie Croyle, Boston, Mass., Erin Jeffress, Rockville, Md., Johanna Shoemaker, Minneapolis, Minn., Lisa Welshinger, Bryan, Texas



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PAN AMERICAN TEAM

Jessica Howard and Kate Jeffress were selected to compete for the U.S. at the Pan American Games. These gymnasts are the top two on the Senior National Team, excluding Tatyana Brikulskaya who is not yet a citizen. Brikulskaya is permitted to compete for the U.S. on the National Team according to the FIG because she has permanent residence card, but currently can't compete in an Olympic qualifier until she becomes a U.S. citizen. These rules may be subject to change upon further review.

The Group Team from Rhythmflex in Rockville, Md. also qualified to compete in the Pan American Games. The team consists of: Katherine Betts, Stefanie Croyle, Erin Jeffress, Johanna Shoemaker and Lisa Welshinger.

SENIOR RHYTHMIC ALL-AROUND RESULTS

		Club	Meet	Rope	Hoop	Ball	Ribbon	Total	Final	
1	Jessica Howard	Int'l Rhythmic	P	9.700	9.725	9.725	9.800	38.950	11.685	
			F	9.713	8.813	8.825	8.750	36.100	27.370	39.055
2	Tatyana Brikulskaya	Isadora	P	9.625	9.625	9.800	9.550	38.600	11.580	
			F	8.800	8.700	9.738	8.725	35.963	27.274	38.854
3	Kate Jeffress	Rhythmflex	P	9.563	9.525	9.538	9.625	38.250	11.475	
			F	9.638	9.563	9.600	9.550	38.350	26.845	38.320
4	Mila Mannova	Int'l. Rhythmics	P	9.550	9.450	9.500	9.425	37.925	11.378	
			F	8.775	8.500	9.125	8.600	35.000	26.600	37.978
5	Alexsandra Chernenko	Calif. Acad	P	9.300	9.425	9.288	9.350	37.363	11.209	
			F	9.400	9.425	9.438	9.425	37.688	26.381	37.590
6	Suzanne Pearson	AIRGC	P	9.275	9.350	9.125	9.250	37.000	11.100	
			F	9.375	8.450	9.313	8.375	37.513	26.258	37.359
7.	Meaghan Muller	AIRGC	P	9.325	9.375	9.286	9.088	37.075	11.123	
			F	9.438	8.275	9.350	9.363	37.425	26.198	37.320
8.	Heibe Issacs	Int'L GTC	P	9.125	9.425	9.113	9.350	37.013	11.104	
			F	9.413	9.200	9.375	9.250	37.238	26.066	37.170
9.	Danna Brezhnev	LA Lights	P	9.025	9.150	9.200	9.200	36.575	10.973	
			F	8.325	8.250	9.250	8.150	34.975	25.883	38.855
10.	Julia Manesson	Calif. Acad.	P	9.088	9.350	9.125	9.250	36.813	11.044	
			F	9.125	9.225	8.338	9.125	35.813	25.769	36.813
11.	Danielle Lord	Oregon Gym	P	9.000	9.175	9.300	9.275	36.750	11.025	
			F	9.275	8.963	9.050	9.225	36.513	25.559	36.584
12	Jenna Powell	Co. Sch. Rhy	P	9.038	9.250	9.225	9.150	36.663	10.999	
			F	9.250	9.138	9.063	9.000	36.450	25.515	36.514

JUNIOR RHYTHMIC ALL-AROUND RESULTS

		Club	Meet	Rope	Hoop	Ball	Clubs	Total	Final	
1	Lindsay Powell	Int'L. Rhythmics	P	9.100	9.225	9.250	8.150	36.725	11.018	
			F	9.225	9.200	9.188	9.225	36.838	25.786	36.804
2	Erin Jeffress	Rhythmflex	P	8.975	9.000	9.000	8.950	35.925	10.778	
			F	8.063	8.150	8.100	8.200	36.513	25.558	38.338
3	Alexandra Hain	Oakland RSG	P	8.925	8.900	8.800	9.025	35.750	10.725	
			F	9.050	8.850	9.063	9.000	36.063	25.244	35.969
4	Marissa Pierce	Illinois RSG	P	8.775	8.900	8.825	8.875	35.175	10.553	
			F	8.813	8.000	8.888	8.000	35.800	25.080	35.613
5	Jacquelyn Jampolsky	MEGA	P	8.725	8.875	8.650	8.850	35.100	10.530	
			F	8.850	8.875	8.775	8.900	35.400	24.780	35.310
6	Brenann Stacker	Illinois Rhythmic	P	8.588	8.825	8.600	8.700	34.813	10.444	
			F	8.713	8.875	8.888	8.688	35.063	24.544	34.988
7	Valery Kharina	Illinois Rhythmic	P	8.600	8.550	8.575	8.625	34.350	10.305	
			F	8.863	8.825	8.838	8.825	35.050	24.535	34.840
8	Emily Jakimski	Rhythmflex	P	8.700	8.500	8.375	8.750	34.325	10.298	
			F	8.788	8.850	8.550	8.725	34.913	24.439	34.736
9	Kacey Law	Oregon Gym	P	8.150	8.725	8.450	8.725	34.050	10.21	
			F	8.713	8.650	8.850	8.675	34.888	24.421	34.636
10	Courtney Sears	AIRGC	P	8.550	8.425	8.525	8.738	34.238	10.271	
			F	8.650	8.575	8.725	8.675	34.725	24.308	34.579
11	Jessica Wesley	Elite Rhythmic	P	8.550	8.858	8.525	8.525	34.250	10.275	
			F	8.875	8.575	8.600	8.350	34.200	23.940	34.215
12	Olga Karnansky	Isadora	P	8.625	8.800	8.488	8.600	34.313	10.294	
			F	8.588	8.275	8.450	8.325	33.638	23.546	33.840

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SANS AND WESTON WIN '99 TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Ann Sims

Ryan Weston and Jennifer Sans won the individual trampoline event at the 1999 Trampoline & Tumbling National Championships in Anaheim, California. Weston from Chubbuck, Idaho claimed his fourth consecutive national title with a score of 101.3.

This is the sixth title for Jennifer Sans who is from Apple Valley, Minnesota. She won the event from 1992-1996. The 1998 champion Jenny Parilla from Lake Forest, Calif. finished 14th after a mistake in the compulsory competition.

The National Championships is the first of three team trials to select the team for the World Championships in September, 1999. The World Championships is the qualifying event for the 2000 Olympics. Trampoline will be in the Olympic Games for the first time in Sydney.

In other events Brad Davis of Kansas City, Mo. and Amanda Lentz of Seminole, Texas won power tumbling. The double-mini champions are Mark Griffith of Cincinnati, Ohio and Parilla. The men's team of Weston and David Popkin won synchronized trampoline. Kirstin McNabb and Mackenzie Stone of Pocatello, Idaho, won the women's division.

Below is a run-down of the Junior Division.

JR. ELITE-TRAMPOLINE

Kallan Kampas	Upsidedowners Lubbock, TX
Nick Marlin	NGTC Skysurfers San Juan Capistrano, CA

JR. ELITE-TUMBLING

Shayna Snider	Tumbling Tornados Pekin, IL
Frankie Hartman	Elmwood Gym Acad Harahan, LA

JR. ELITE-DOUBLE MINI

Kallan Kampas	Upsidedowners Lubbock, TX
Daniel Walker	Top of Texas Littlefield, TX

JR. ELITE-SYNCHRONIZED TRAMPOLINE

Shelley Klochan	Dyna Mite Tumblers Whiting, IN
Jenny Wescott	Dyna-Mite Tumblers Lansing, IL
Nick Marlin	NGTC Skysurfers San Juan Capistrano, CA
Peter Dodd	So. Calif. Trampoline Acad Mission Viejo, CA

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The National Championships was the first of three trials for the World Championships team. Shown here are members of the Senior National team who made the World Championships team. *See article on pg. 44-45.*

Mackenzie Stone & Kirstin McNabb

Ryan Weston

ROUTINES:

Jennifer Sans: Barani in-full out straight, half-in half-out pike, rudi-out pike, double back tuck, rudi-out tuck, double back pike, barani-out tuck, half-in half-out tuck, barani-out pike, full-in full-out straight

Total Difficulty 11.1

Ryan Weston: Triffis pike, half-in half-out pike, full-in barani-out straight, full-in full-out straight, front-in rudi-out pike, half-in half-out tuck, front-in half-out pike, double back pike, front-in half-out tuck, full-in double full-out straight

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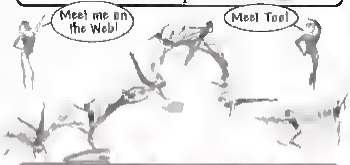

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World Championships

Here We Come!

By Luon Pessek

The World Championships was the focus of many trampolinists and tumblers at the 1999 National Congress in Sacramento, where the final World Trials event was held in order to select the USA Team. In fact, there were three World Trials events for trampoline and tumbling which occurred beginning in July and concluding at the National Congress. The third team trials was weighted heaviest in the rankings.

The top four women and men in each event and an alternate were named to the World Team with the exception of synchronized trampoline, where only one men's pair and one women's pair were selected.

Trampoline and Tumbling Program Director Ann Sims said, "The World Trials event went very well in Sacramento and we feel that we have strong competitors on our world team. It was great having all the Congress attendees come and watch our event and cheer for our athletes. We hope everyone got excited about trampoline and tumbling events."

The World Championships take place September 24-26 in Sun City, South Africa. The event is especially important because it is the qualifying event for individual trampoline at the 2000 Olympic Games.

Photos (clockwise from top)
Jennifer Sims and Jennifer Parilla
Karl Heger
Keyshone Harris
Mark Griffith

TRAMPOLINE AND TUMBLING WORLD TRIALS

Below is a list of World Championships team members

TRAMPOLINE INDIVIDUAL MEN

Name	Age	Club	Athlete's Hometown
Ryan Weston	19	Elite Performance	Chubbuck, ID
David Popkin	25	Elite Performance	East Brunswick, NJ
Karl Heger	35	Gym Acad. Of Rockford	Rockford IL
David Kennedy	41	Gleason's Gypsy Flyers	Minneapolis, MN
Byron Smith-Alt	21	Top of Texas	Amarillo, TX

TRAMPOLINE INDIVIDUAL WOMEN

Jennifer Parilla	18	Southern Calif Trampoline Acad	Lake Forest, CA
Jennifer Sans	19	Gleason's Gypsy Flyers	Apple Valley, MN
Erin Maguire	17	Elite Performance	Pocatello, ID
Nicole Bosanda	20	Southern Calif Trampoline	Aliso Viejo, CA
Melissa Larson-Alt.	25	Minnesota Twisters	Bloomington, MN

SYNCHRONIZED TRAMPOLINE MEN

Ryan Weston	19	Elite Performance	Chubbuck, ID
David Popkin	25	Elite Performance	East Brunswick, NJ

SYNCHONIZED TRAMPOLINE WOMEN

Jennifer Parilla	18	Southern Calif Trampoline Acad	Lake Forest CA
Jennifer Sans	19	Gleason's Gypsy Flyers	Apple Valley, MN

DOUBLE MINI TRAMPOLINE MEN

Karl Heger	35	Gym Acad Of Rockford	Rockford, IL
Ryan Weston	19	Elite Performance	Chubbuck, ID
Mark Griffith	26	Top Flight Gymnastics	Bellefontaine, OH
Byron Smith	21	Top of Texas	Amarillo, TX
David Ford-Alt.	17	Elite Performance	Pocatello ID

DOUBLE MINI TRAMPOLINE WOMEN

Jennifer Parilla	18	Southern Calif Trampoline Acad.	Lake Forest, CA
Erin Maguire	17	Elite Performance	Pocatello ID
Vanessa Wood	17	Upside Downers	Lubbock, TX
Julie Fisher	19	Elite Performance	Pocatello, ID
Nicole Bosanda-Alt.	20	Southern Calif Trampoline	Aliso Viejo, CA

TUMBLING MEN

Brad Davis	29	Reach for the Sky	Kansas City, MO
Randy Direen	17	Artsports	Colorado Springs, CO
Rayshine Harris	25	Unattached	Newark, NJ
Jared Olsen	18	Flyers	Plain City, UT
Chris Helton-Alt.	17	Elmwood Gym Acad	Kenner, LA

TUMBLING WOMEN

Amanda Lentz	21	Air Extreme	Seminole, TX
Lajeana Davis	16	Gym. Acad. Of Rockford	Roscoe, IL
Erin Maguire	17	Elite Performance	Pocatello, ID
Alisha Robinson	17	Reach for the Sky	Bates City, MO
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